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RESERVE ON ALL TIMBER LANDS

Provincial Government Takes
Action to Conserve Na-
tural Resources

ORDER PASSED YESTERDAY

Title Cannot Be Secured to
Timber Land Staked
Today

A reserve has been placed on all the unstaked timber of British Columbia by the provincial government. The order-in-council bringing this into effect was signed yesterday at a meeting of the provincial executive, though it has been under consideration for some time. The decision is in order that the forest wealth of the province may be conserved and to prevent timber being staked merely for speculative purposes. The action of the government will be halting generally with approval. In all some 6,500,000 acres of timber land in the province have been staked and the revenue from this for the last fiscal year amounted to over \$1,275,000. Though the area of the total timber lands of the province is estimated at over 182,000,000 acres this is regarded as an excessive figure and at all events that which has been taken up is either the most accessible or the most valuable.

Does Not Insure Marketing

The mere staking of timber does not insure the marketing of the product immediately, as the licensee has 21 years in which to strip his lands. Many of the holdings have been purchased by speculators who look to turning it over and not to handling it themselves. It is thought that the new order-in-council will encourage the bona fide logger to purchase and manufacture the product, in this way ensuring a supply of lumber for the development which the province is undergoing and will undergo in the approaching years.

Any move to hold up the millmen can be met by the mere removal of the reserve, and the millmen of the province have already secured a large proportion of the timber now staked.

Premier's Statement

Premier McBride on being interviewed upon the announcement said that he felt satisfied that when the chief commissioner of lands and works presented his views to the people of British Columbia there would not be two opinions offered as to the wisdom of the move. The only end sought by the government was what was best in the public interest. They had demonstrated this in connection with the other resources of the province in the past. Their chief endeavor in the past had been that the resources of the province should make a proper return to the provincial treasury. Despite the reckless charges of the government's political opponents, they have always been successfully answered and the government stands as it has always stood for the conservation of the natural resources of the Pacific province for the people of that province. He was satisfied that lumbermen as well as laymen would concur in the action of the government.

In view of the depletion of the timber resources of Eastern Canada as well as the Eastern and Southern States, the government had regarded their present move as advisable. Ample timber had been staked to supply the mills of the province for years to come.

Will Protect Forests

With regard to the question of forest protection, Premier McBride stated that the intention of the chief commissioner was to take the utmost precautions to have the forests as thoroughly protected as was possible.

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The decision of the government has been taken only after the most careful consideration. As previously announced in the Colonist, the chief commissioner has been in consultation for months past with the officials connected with the timber department.

With the richest timber resources in the world, British Columbia has hitherto had the most generous timber regulations prevailing anywhere. Revenue was necessary for the development of the province and out of the revenue which largely was derived from the timber, the present government of British Columbia has placed the province financially upon its legs and the vast areas of timber as yet untouched by the timber merchant, speculator or otherwise is preserved for British Columbians.

Interested persons after considering the resolution of the executive express the belief that all stakings made prior to yesterday will not be affected by the action of the government. No title can be secured to timber staked today.

Greene and Gaynor.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The supreme court of the United States today denied the petition for writs of certiorari to bring to that court the cases of Benjamin D. Greene and John F. Gaynor, who are under sentence to pay a fine of \$547,740 and to undergo terms of imprisonment of four years each on the charges of embezzlement and conspiracy in connection with the case of Capt. B. Oberlin to defraud the United States in connection with the harbor improvements at Savannah, Ga.

TRAVELERS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The Northwestern Association
Elects Officers—Affairs in
Good Condition

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—At the annual meeting of the Northwest Commercial Travelers' association the following officers were elected: President, G. Wilson, acclamation; vice-president, A. S. Lock; treasurer, L. C. MacIntyre; secretary, F. J. Cox; directors, J. E. McRobbie (retiring president), E. Holden, D. J. Dyson, F. W. Adams, H. W. Lethbridge, A. E. Wuyt, A. McAllister, G. W. Barrett, J. A. McTaggart, E. L. Thomas, J. M. Holland, J. Brockie; vice-president for Calgary, H. W. White; vice-president for Edmonton, F. M. Morgan; vice-president for Regina, Peter Cooper, acclamation; vice-president for Vancouver, L. D. Birely, acclamation; director, C. P. Egan; vice-president for Victoria, H. Erb, acclamation; director, R. A. Creech; director for New Westminster, F. J. Lynch, acclamation; director for Kootenay, H. Wright, acclamation.

The mortuary liability of the association now amounts to \$531,060, distributed as follows: Winnipeg members, \$346,340; British Columbia members, \$95,030; Calgary members, \$60,710; Regina members, \$8,800. To pay this the reserve now amounts to \$69,968.12, something over 13 per cent. This is also further secured by the general surplus, which amounts to 25½ per cent of the total mortuary liability, a security unparalleled by any life insurance company.

The reports show the total membership is now 2,925, an increase for the year of 541 members, distributed as follows: Winnipeg, active, 1,778; Winnipeg, honorary, 18; British Columbia, active, 596; British Columbia, honorary, 1; Calgary, active, 397; Regina, active, 193; life members, 2.

Automobile Military Corps.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—The Russian war office has ordered the formation of military automobile corps to be based on the German model.

Minors' Escape From Fire.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—It became known today that about 100 men were in the Schoelberger mine at Monongahela yesterday when fire broke out, and that all had narrow escapes from death. The mine is burning fiercely.

Killed by a Horse.

Lethbridge, Dec. 23.—Geo. Salmon, a fourteen-year-old boy, was killed at Raymond yesterday. A horse he was driving got tangled in the harness and in trying to release it, the animal fell upon him and caused almost instant death. The mother of the boy left for Utah a few days ago.

Shah Makes Concession.

Tehran, Dec. 23.—The president of the assembly today informed that body of the details of the declaration submitted to the assembly yesterday by the Shah, in which the ruler of Persia accepted the demands made upon him by the constitutional leaders.

Winnipeg Church Census.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—Complete returns of the church census taken a month ago were announced today. After carefully examining the report, the estimate is that the city will have figures similar to the following on a basis of 100,000 population: Presbyterians, 18,000; Church of England, 17,000; Roman Catholic, 15,000; Methodists, 13,500; Baptists, 5,000; Hebrew, 5,000; Evangelical Lutheran, 7,000; Congregational, 3,200; Salvation Army, 1,000; various denominations, 7,300; no preference of any kind, 8,000.

Murder at Gretna.

Gretna, Man., Dec. 23.—A murder took place here this morning. Fred La Claire was found in the river with his head split open, and a sack was found on the river bank, in which the murderer or murderers hauled the body down the bank. Appearances indicate that there were two or more persons engaged in the murder, as the body was taken down the bank sideways. An axe found at the top of the bank, covered with blood, was the instrument used in killing the unfortunate. Two men are under suspicion, one a negro, who is teaming for Alex. Smith.

TRAGIC ENDING OF YOUNG LIFE

Son of Late Dr. Herald, of
Queen's University Com-
mits Suicide

GRIEF FOR FATHER'S DEATH

Mother and Sister Awaiting
His Coming Home for
Christmas

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—After brooding for two years over the death of his father, John Grafton Herald, a young medical student of Queen's university, Kingston, Ont., shot himself through the head in a room in the Strathecona hotel on Saturday night, and died a few hours later in the general hospital.

The deceased came to Winnipeg from Morris on Dec. 9, and registered at the Strathecona hotel, together with his chum, Lewis D. Lawson. They were assigned to room No. 52, on the second floor of the hotel, and have occupied the room since Dec. 9.

The deceased was the only son of the late Dr. John Herald, dean of the medical faculty of Kingston university, and was a student at the same institution. He had one more year to study until he could secure his degree of M.D., but was broken-hearted at the loss of his father. He gave up his studies and came to the west in the endeavor to forget his troubles. He came to Winnipeg and obtained a clerkship in the city, but did not keep the position long, and left for Grandview, where he took a position on a ranch. From there he left for Morris, Man., where he went in for farming, and until December stayed in the farm.

A fire broke out in Morris, in which he lost all his belongings, and he came to Winnipeg with the intention of again taking a position in the city. His mother and sister, in the meantime, had been on a trip to Europe, and on their arrival home at Dundas, Ont., sent for him to come home at Christmas, which he intended to do. He made up his mind to return to the university and finish his studies, and was to leave for the east last Monday. He had all arrangements made, and had his bill at the hotel paid up to date.

CHILDREN STARVE IN BERLIN SCHOOLS

Many Attend Who Cannot Get
Either Breakfast or Mid-
day Meal

Berlin, Dec. 23.—The municipality is face to face with a very serious problem in connection with the supply of food to thousands of virtually starving children attending the primary schools in Berlin, whose numbers have been greatly augmented this year in consequence of the industrial inactivity. Hitherto the children's canteen society has been able to cope with the task in a fairly satisfactory way by means of subscriptions from private sources, but the calls on its funds raised by the Socialists in the municipal council, who propose that the council should in future undertake the task. The society will be able this winter to dispose of the sum of \$8,421.50 altogether. For the feeding of the 12,000,000 starving little ones during the winter, \$37,500 will be necessary. The council is to be asked for \$30,000 to make up the amount required and place it at the disposal of the society for administration. This course is suggested in order to obviate the loss of civic rights, entitled by the children's parents should their offspring be directly fed by the authorities. Parents who do not send their children to school are fined unless they can give medical authority for keeping them home. Therefore poor parents must send children to school, even though foodless and miserably clad.

Edmonton Insurance.

Edmonton, Dec. 23.—Complaints are made in the city over the high insurance rates. Edmonton, with better fire protection than Calgary, pays 1½ base rate, while the southern city pays 75 cents base rate. Frank Birch, of Winnipeg, secretary of the Manitoba and Northwest fire underwriters, was expected in Edmonton to adjust the matter, but he never came, and business men are complaining.

Blaze in Red Deer

Red Deer, Alb., Dec. 23.—A fire broke out about ten o'clock Saturday evening in the building owned by Rev. Dr. Rice, formerly principal of the Indian school, and occupied by A. B. Purdy as a furniture store, and the Dominion Meat Co. The fire originated in the furniture store and had gained considerable headway before the fire alarm was sounded. The stock of furniture is a complete loss and the Dominion Meat Co. suffered from water and smoke. It is understood that the insurance will not cover the entire loss.

BRAKEMAN KILLED

Two Firemen With Probably Fatal In-
juries—Result of Collision
Near Macleod

Fernie, Dec. 23.—As a result of a head-on collision on the C. P. R. at 6 o'clock this morning between two freight trains near Brocket, about 19 miles west of Macleod, brakeman P. Ormsbee is dead. Fireman Christ Vonwald and G. McKinnon probably fatally injured, and Conductor Sidney Choquette badly bruised, but not seriously injured. It is stated that one of the firemen lost both legs.

The St. Louis University football team were on the Soo-Spokane flyer No. 7, the first train to reach the scene of the wreck. Some of the members, being medical students, rendered valuable assistance in caring for the injured. No. 7 was delayed about ten hours, and No. 5 about eleven hours on account of the wreck. The cause of the wreck is said to have been the failure of an operator to deliver orders to a train. It is also stated that the operator's whereabouts is unknown as yet.

Fisheries in 1906

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—According to the annual report to parliament of the fisheries department, the value of fish caught in Canadian waters during the season of 1906 was over \$26,250,000, which, with the exception of 1905, was the largest year on record. Nova Scotia made the largest haul of all the provinces, with British Columbia second.

STARTLING EXPLOSION AT POWDER WORKS

Two of Hamilton Powder Co.'s
Buildings Are Completely
Destroyed

Nanaimo, Dec. 23.—An explosion on Sunday morning at the Hamilton Powder company's works at Departure Bay completely destroyed two of the mixing buildings and did considerable damage around the works, twisting roofs into grotesque shapes, bulging out sash and doors and doing other damage.

The loss will be about \$20,000, and will be repaired within a month's time.

The explosion was felt in Vancouver and New Westminster. At Laysmith it was felt as strongly as in Nanaimo. Of the buildings destroyed not a stick remains to indicate where they stood. They disappeared as if by magic being practically blown into fine dust. Fortunately no one was hurt, the only casualty being a mule, that was hit at about a mile away with a piece of lead. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by the heating apparatus setting fire to some of the explosives. The explosion occurred at 5 o'clock in the morning, and the vibration was so heavy as to thoroughly arouse and terrify the town. There were two explosions within about a second's interval of time between them.

New Westminster, Dec. 23.—The shock resulting from the explosion of the Hamilton Powder company's works at Departure Bay was distinctly felt in this city, many of the uphill residents being awakened by hearing the doors and windows rattling. Throughout the early part of the day, the theory that an earthquake had struck the coast was expressed by almost every one who had noticed the tremor. From Departure Bay to this city is about forty miles in a direct line.

Local Manager's Statement.

R. J. Scott, local manager of the Hamilton Powder company, left on Sunday morning for the scene of the disaster and returned yesterday at noon.

He states that the damage will amount to some \$10,000 at the outside. Two buildings were destroyed, both separators. The sharp report heard in Vancouver was caused by the explosion of some nitro-glycerine in the second separator.

No one was injured, and while the firm's loss was heavy, its loss of business would not be great. A new plant at present in course of erection would be turned out the product in less than three weeks.

French Scientist Dead.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Pierre Jules Caesar Janson, the celebrated French scientist and director of the Meudon observatory is dead. He was born in 1824.

Atlas Loan Dividend.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—A final dividend of 4½ cents on the dollar has been declared by the liquidator of the defunct Atlas Loan Co., of St. Thomas, which collapsed over four years ago. This makes the total amount realized by the eleven hundred depositors 46½ per cent. The realization was much better than was expected.

Burial of Lord Kelvin

London, Dec. 23.—Under the shadow of the monument to Sir Isaac Newton, and close to the choir in Westminster Abbey, the body of Lord Kelvin, the noted British scientist, who died on December 17, was buried at noon in presence of a great gathering of scientists, representing American and continental as well as British societies. King Edward and the Prince of Wales and other members of the royal family sent representatives.

Mauretania Breaks Loose.

New York, Dec. 23.—The turbine Mauretania broke loose from her moorings at the foot of west Thirtieth street during a light gale today and crashed into a small fleet of barges, scows and canal boats, one of which she sank. Four hawsers running from the forward deck to the pier parted, and the big vessel's nose swung round to the north into the little craft. It happened so quickly that it was impossible for the smaller boats to get out of the way. The Mauretania was finally drawn back to her berth.

WATER EXPERT SUBMITS REPORT

Part of Long Expected Data is
Received by the
City

MANY SOURCES EXAMINED

Council Will Consider the Re-
port at an Early Meet-
ing

At last the city has been furnished with some of the data, long expected, which has been compiled by Arthur L. Adams, the San Francisco water expert, retained by the city to investigate into and report upon the available sources of water supply for the city. It had been expected that the full report would have been in the hands of the city by the first of the present month, but Mr. Adams has apparently been too busy to supply the full results of his investigations. In order, however, to allow the city to have the conclusions which he has arrived at he has sent the report given below and states that the balance of the report will be hurried along at the earliest possible moment. The report was submitted to the council at last night's meeting of that body, but was not discussed, the aldermen wishing time to master its contents. The report follows:

Scope and Purpose of Report.

This report is supplemental to an exhaustive one made and submitted under date of May 15, 1905, and has resulted from a request for a review of the various studies and recommendations made at that time in light of events and conditions of growth and development occurring since that date; and also from the necessity of considering the merits of a possible source of water supply not at that time investigated. The most important of these developments are as follows:

1. The establishment of the exact nature of the rights of the Esquimalt Water company on Goldstream.
2. The unwillingness of the Esquimalt Water company to accept the price offered by the city for its property.
3. Investigation by the water commission and the city engineer of Mill stream as a possible source of supply.
4. Accumulation of much more extended and more definite information concerning Sooke lake as a possible source of supply.
5. Information gathered by municipal officers as to the possibility of increasing the drainage area tributary to Elk lake.
6. Continued growth of Victoria's population and its increasing importance as a city.

Conclusions and Recommendations.

For the convenience of those interested, my final conclusions and recommendations are summarized at the beginning of this report. The considerations influencing them will be later and more in detail set forth.

Many of the conclusions set forth in my former report (viz., 8 et seq.) that report) are reaffirmed, but for convenience, and completeness will be here resubmitted with such additions and changes as the altered conditions require.

1. The quality of the present water supply is good and can be improved to any required degree by further perfecting the filtration processes.

2. The present plant as a whole in its existing condition is incapable of affording an economic, sufficient and certain supply of water under an adequate pressure, because of the following defects:

- (a) A water supply insufficient to meet the demands under the present methods of distribution and sale.
- (b) Insufficient capacity in the conduits conducting water from the lake to the city.
- (c) Impracticability of advantageously operating such a system without a suitable distributing reservoir for the low service, and an elevated tank for the high service.
- (d) Insufficient pumping capacity for safety, and the use of a class of machinery extravagantly wasteful of fuel.
- (e) Inadequacy of pipe capacity in the distributing system.

3. Elk and Beaver lakes, the sources of present supply, may have their safe yielding capacity increased from the average of about two million gallons per day, which they can now afford, to two and four-tenths million gallons by raising the level of the lake three and one-half feet; by diverting into it the additional drainage of about 625 acres, as surveys have proved feasible, its yielding capacity may be increased to about two and nine-tenths million gallons daily.

4. The improvement of the plant and the continuance in use of the present sources of supply will necessitate the adoption exclusively of the meter method of sale and distribution.

Meter Services

5. The adoption of the meter system will be productive of a better service, lower water rates, more equitable distribution of costs, and greater contentment and satisfaction on the part of the public than any other method, and will in the end be inevitable any way because of the great cost of providing the large volume of water which will always be wasted through an unmetered system.

6. By improving Elk and Beaver lakes by the methods set forth in conclusion "2" and by dispensing water exclusively by meter, these present sources will be sufficient to supply a population of 58,000 people, which is more than double that at present supplied by the city works. At the rate of growth in number of services that has prevailed in the past, this population

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SILK MUFFLERS, from \$1.00 to \$3.50
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IRISH LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS—Grand quality with embroidered initial, each 50c
SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, with embroidered initial. Regular price 75c. Special, each 50c
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EXCLUSION LEAGUE AND THE CANDIDATES

Mission of League's President to Lieutenant Governor and Its Success

From the remarks of the president, it is probable that the Asiatic Exclusion League will support in its forthcoming candidature Mayor Morley. Twelve people including the reporter listened to John Jardine, M. P. P., who occupies that position, when he stated that at the last meeting of the league held in Spring Ridge, and to himself personally the mayor had expressed views which were more radical and farther reaching than those of most public men. Ald. Hall, Mr. Jardine admitted, was quite sound in his views, and was prepared to support the stand taken by the league. Ald. Gleason and Fullerton were also advocates of Oriental exclusion.

Mr. Jardine reported that he had interviewed the Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. James Dunsinuir, with regard to the labor he employed at Hatley park. The Governor had agreed to advance the wages from \$1.75 to \$2.

Mr. Duke ventured the assertion that the mission with which Mr. Jardine had been entrusted was to request the Lieutenant-Governor to secure the employment of whites instead of Japanese upon that enterprise. Mr. Jardine affirmed that all would be well, that at any event the Governor was not to blame as the entire matter had been left to his head gardener. The latter when he learned that whites were available, had engaged them, and Mr. Jardine believed that the services of such Japanese as were still in the employ of the Governor would shortly be dispensed with.

The closure rule was then adopted, and further discussion was cut off by a motion, which was adopted. A vote of thanks was moved to the Lieutenant-Governor.

The question of a delegation to interview the provincial government with regard to exclusion legislation at the approaching session was then debated. One of the members present thought that this could be brought to the attention of the house by Mr. Jardine himself as member for Esquimalt.

Another ventured the opinion that as the Conservative Association in session in Vancouver had affirmed a resolution in support of the contentions of the exclusion league, and as the Liberals of Victoria at any rate seemed of the same mind, little could result from any action the league might take. The entire legislature would probably favor any legislation which might be adopted.

The petition which has been circulated, giving expression to the views of the league, will be forwarded to Sir Wilfrid Laurier today. It contains nearly 1,000 signatures.

DECLARES MAYOR MUST PROVE HIS CHARGES

Secretary of Provincial Board of Health After Mayor Morley

The conference asked for by Dr. C. J. Fagan, secretary of the provincial board of health, who ten days ago wrote the city board of health, practically delivering an ultimatum to the city, ordering the latter body to clean out the city "dump" on the James bay flats, and who asked that an early meeting be arranged at which he, as representative of the provincial board, could meet the city board, did not materialize at last night's meeting of the council. But the brief session which Dr. Fagan had with the council was a most interesting one, and promises interesting developments.

Dr. Fagan took occasion to characterize Mayor Morley's recent action in imputing political reasons to his (Dr. Fagan's) action in the matter, in strong terms; and stated in no doubtful language that the city's chief magistrate would have ample opportunity to prove his charges.

When the council assembled the mayor called upon Dr. Fagan to address the meeting, curtly advising the provincial health officer to cut short his remarks, as the council had a great deal of business before it.

Dr. Fagan, who was apparently under the impression that he was to meet with the city board of health, and not with the council as such, stated that he considered it most extraordinary that he was asked to address the council. He was of the opinion that the matter should not be discussed in public. It was a matter which would take considerable time in fully discussing, and one which could not be hurried through.

The mayor suggested that another meeting could be called, but Dr. Fagan declared that the mayor did not appear to appreciate the position he had written the city board of health some time ago, but that latter body had seen fit not to arrange for the conference asked for by him until this late date. The city board of health is responsible for the conditions as they exist on the James bay flats. The provincial board is in a position of authority, and the city apparently failed to appreciate its position. He had expected that when he had asked for an early conference he would have been met by the city board of health, and he failed to see any good reason for the delay. In fact, he had been forced to stay over in Victoria, when he should have been elsewhere. The fact had been to his mind, most unaccountably dilatory in the whole matter.

It was finally decided that a special meeting of the board of health of the city should be held this evening, at which Dr. Fagan could meet the city representatives.

Dr. Fagan was not, however, through with the matter. Addressing the mayor he said:

"Some time ago you took it upon yourself to make some vague charges against myself, personally. I regret to see that an official of the city of Victoria had made a charge against an official of the province, and I have been very much surprised."

Dr. Fagan demanded to know what the mayor had meant.

"It is not necessary to say anything about that at present," said the mayor.

Dr. Fagan declared he had respect for the council of the city of Victoria, but the mayor would have an oppor-

tunity of making good the charge. He hoped that hereafter the mayor would be more particular and careful in attacking officials, who were not in a position to make a public defence.

"You will explain yourself, and that soon," declared Dr. Fagan.

Mayor Morley attempted to close the incident by stating that the council had not time to further discuss the matter, but Dr. Fagan retorted that apparently Mayor Morley had had time to make accusations and declared that the latter had better find time to make explanations.

In response to the letter from the city clerk making the appointment with Dr. Fagan for last night to discuss the question of the "dump" the secretary of the provincial health board wrote on December 18 as follows:

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge yours of the 17th instant, informing me that the council will be pleased if I will attend a meeting of the council, on Monday, December 23.

I will be present at the meeting of the council as requested, but am sorry the council do not consider it necessary that this meeting should be held at an earlier date. If there is any change to be made in the conditions existing on the James Bay flats, the sooner this is attended to the better; not only as a sanitary precaution, but as a matter of expense to the people.

I am ready at any time to meet the council or the board of health.

C. J. FAGAN,

Secretary.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION IS SOMEWHAT WARM

Mayor Morley and Ald. Hanna Have Tilt During a Debate

Last night's council meeting developed many interesting incidents, chief among which was the encounter between Mayor Morley and Ald. Hanna, in the course of which the latter waxed warm and ended by openly accusing the city's chief magistrate of telling anecdotes in committee meeting which not merely "bordered upon the vulgar," but, as Ald. Hanna declared, were positively indecent and filthy.

The balance of the council sat back as Ald. Hanna delivered his accusatory remarks, and the majority appeared to enjoy the incident, which, however, ended with the proceedings being gone on with after the tension had been somewhat relieved.

The incident was introduced by a question which the mayor directed towards Ald. Hanna after a resolution, of which the mayor had given notice on Saturday, relative to the city improving the transportation facilities of the wharves section, had been passed without comment. The mayor called attention to the fact that a cut of the map of the proposed Store street extension by the E. & N. Railway company had been run in the Colonist of Sunday morning last. He wanted to know who had taken the document from the possession of the city and given it to the Colonist.

His remarks were addressed straight at Ald. Hanna, who promptly arose to his feet and admitted that it was he who had done so, and that he had obtained the plan from a clerk in the city solicitor's office. He had asked for it and had got it. It was necessary, Ald. Hanna declared, that the public should know the real situation, and not be given a continuation of the "hot air and bombast" which some had seen fit to hand out on the question of the Store street matter.

Mayor Morley declared that no alderman had any right to give out city documents, that he was the only proper party to do so, and he averred that Ald. Hanna had shown no respect to the council, or the head thereof, when he made public official documents.

"It is charged that I have no respect for the head of the council. After some of the filthy and indecent stories which I have heard him tell in committee meetings, there can be no surprise at the lack of respect."

Ald. Hanna declared, with considerable heat, that several ladies had asked him to back up the mayor, but when he had heard some of his remarks in committee meeting he had been forced to exclaim, "Heavens, is this the man I have been asked to support?"

"There is good reason for one not having any respect for you," declared Ald. Hanna. "The next thing I heard you was that you were at the M. C. A. 'prayerfully' taking the Citizen's league under your wing."

Amid the laughter of a number of the aldermen and the apparent disapproval of other, the incident closed.

The resolution referred to, which was moved by Ald. Fullerton and seconded by Ald. Hall, was passed without word of comment, though judging from the laughter, the members of the council had expected the mayor to go into a lengthy explanation of the advantages of the scheme. The fact that not a word was said about the merits of the scheme aroused the risibilities of the aldermen. The resolution was passed as follows:

A resolution referring to the committee on Legislation, the desirability of seeking in the ensuing sitting of the Legislative Assembly the insertion of power in the municipal clauses act enabling municipalities, with the consent of the electorate, to construct public wharves and to construct and own upon municipal highways, lines of rails for connecting the public and private wharves and streets whereon wholesale merchants and manufacturers are located with railway lines, so as to afford direct means of transportation, with power to the municipality to raise the cost of construction, and without further assent or petition to pass all necessary by-laws to raise, upon the credit of the municipality, the cost and with power by-law to tax a tariff or rental or charge for the use of the city's line of rails and to regulate the use of the said line of rails and of city streets in which the same shall be laid.

And, that if the insertion of such power in the municipal act is not assented to, an amendment be sought to the public statute passed last year in aid of this city, giving to the corporation of this city the aforesaid powers, and that the committee on Legislation be requested to consider a report at the next meeting of the council;

The British Columbia Salvage company's steam launch was at work near William Head quarantine station yesterday dragging for a large anchor lost by the steamer Shawmut, of the Boston Steamship company, on her last visit to this port.

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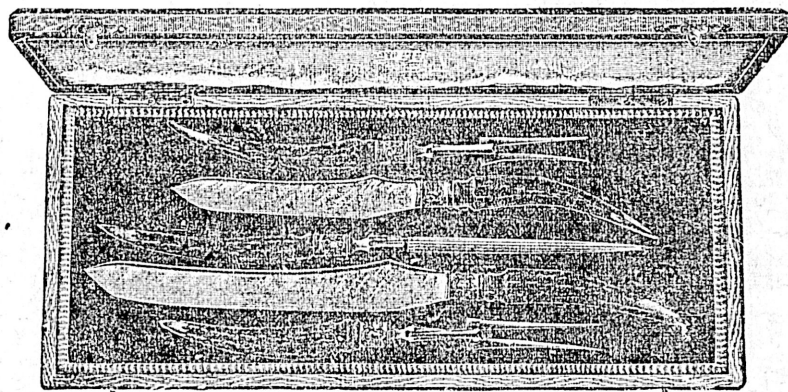
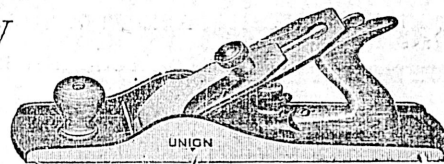
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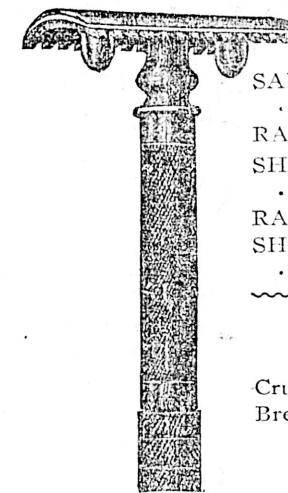
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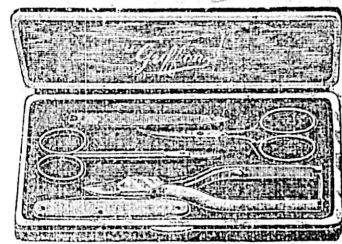
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VISITED VICTORIA THIRTY YEARS AGO

George Primrose, the Veteran Minstrel, Tells About His First Impressions

To have seen Victoria grow from the town it was in '79 to the flourishing city it is today has been the experience of George Primrose, the veteran minstrel, who, in his 54th year, forty years of which have been spent upon the stage, entertained at the Victoria theatre last evening. Himself a Canadian and a British subject, Victoria, the farthest western city of Canada has occupied a peculiar position in his esteem, for he believes that it is not only the most beautiful city in Canada and possibly one of the most beautiful in the world, but he believes that it is also destined to be one of the greatest and most thriving centres on the Pacific coast.

"You must have been able to observe the growth of a city as I have done in the case of Victoria, to be able to appreciate the changes which have taken place," he observed to a reporter of the Colonist yesterday.

"It is nearly 30 years since I first came to this city. In the spring of '79 with the old minstrel company of Barlow, Wilson, Primrose and West, I came up from San Francisco and played what was then known as the water circuit. We knew nothing of Victoria in those days, and it was only when the manager of the San Francisco house at which we were playing guaranteed our expenses that we consented to come. On the steamer Anson, since lost, we proceeded to Astoria and then from that point here. We played in a theatre, the name of which I have forgotten, but which stood not far from the site of the Victoria theatre today.

"There was a Grand hotel at that time also, and what stands out perhaps the most prominently in my memory of it was that we all sat down at one long table, the roasts were brought to it and carved in the Old English style.

"The impressions that I carried away with me then, of the idyllic character of the country around Victoria, I have never forgotten. The climate, the scenery, everything pointed to its future success, and I was not alone in predicting at that time that it was to become one of the most populous centres of the Pacific coast. Today as we paraded down Johnson street and the harbor front, I pointed out to the boys what thirty years ago was virtually the city of Victoria.

"My prophesies have been borne out fairly well in this instance. Everywhere I have grown accustomed to hearing Victoria spoken of as the most substantial of cities, one whose finances are on the solidest of bases and we can believe it. This is the first place we have reached in six weeks where we have not been tendered clearing house certificates, or milk tickets in exchange for the real money we passed out."

Continuing, Mr. Primrose referred to the changes in the profession in the forty years during which he has been before the public as an entertainer.

"Other shows come and go, but the minstrel show goes on for ever. There is good reason for that. The 'black face minstrel show' is the only type of amusement that is peculiarly American. Of late years these so-called musical comedies have somewhat cut into the business, but these are passing and it is only the elaborate productions that are now making a crowd. It is taking more than the sight of a few women in scanty clothing, prancing on and off the stage to attract the public today, and the show which has evolved from the old minstrel production is still in favor.

FINE IS IMPOSED FOR CARRYING A REVOLVER

Former Night Clerk Flourishes a Loaded Gun in Levy's Restaurant

William P. Walls, formerly night clerk at the Victoria hotel, found yesterday that carrying a loaded revolver and incidentally flourishing it in a restaurant is an expensive proceeding in Victoria.

He was duly summoned in the police court yesterday, and the evidence showed that Constable MacDonald had been called in to Levy's restaurant on Sunday evening to arrest a man who was flourishing a revolver, which turned out on examination to be loaded. When arrested he said he was night clerk at the Victoria hotel and had to carry the weapon for his protection.

Walls pleaded guilty, and in explanation of his possession of the gun said that he had been drinking during the day at the Half Way house saloon at Esquimalt, and while under the influence of liquor there a man had offered him the revolver for 25 cents, saying that he needed money badly. Accordingly he bought it, although he had never carried a revolver before. He had been night clerk at the Victoria up to his discharge three days earlier. He had been in Victoria about five months.

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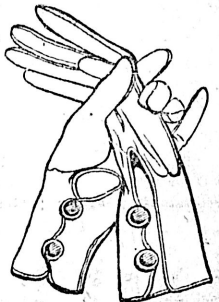


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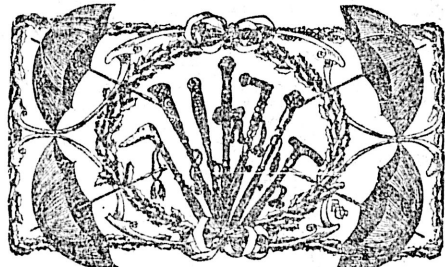
"Is that you, Peter?" he called to the old negro, who was grinning as he doffed his hat.

"Yas, suh, dis am me!"

"Well, well!" laughed the other. "I see that all the old fools are not dead yet."

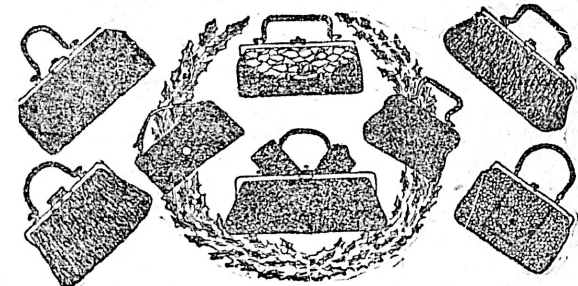
"Dat's so, Mars Tom." Peter pulled his grizzly forelock appreciatively. "T's monsus glad to see dat you's in such good health suh."—Lippincott's.

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A RESERVE ON TIMBER.

The action of the provincial government in withdrawing from the market all the unstaked timber lands in British Columbia will meet with general approval. For some time the ministry has had this step in contemplation, but the time has only recently, seemed ripe to take it. The question was one concerning which good judgment had to be exercised. While it was not desirable to allow all the timber land in the province to pass into the hands of licensees, it was wise to permit a sufficient area to be acquired in that way to ensure the province a substantial annual revenue. The Secretary of the British Columbia Timber and Forestry Chamber of Commerce told the Colonist that the area under license was something in the neighborhood of 6,500,000 acres. We have not been able to verify these figures as yet, but, assuming that they are a pretty close approximation they imply that the government will have an annual revenue from that source, amounting to something like \$1,500,000. That this is a fairly accurate estimate is shown by the fact that in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907, the receipts from licenses amounted to \$1,275,000. There is every reason to believe that these licenses, or at least by far the greater part of them, will be kept in good standing under any circumstances. The government, having only placed a reserve on the lands, can throw the whole or any part of them open at any time business conditions make it necessary. We repeat the opinion that this action will meet with general approval, and it is another illustration of the business-like policy of the present administration.

ORIENTAL EXCLUSION.

In his speech at New Westminster Mr. McBride expressed himself very strongly and convincingly upon the question of Oriental exclusion. We are somewhat averse to troubling our readers at Christmas time with the discussion of grave matters, but as each day brings up its own work, it is necessary some times to do so. We think the people of British Columbia will very heartily endorse the position which the Premier takes upon the admission of Asiatic labor, by which we do not mean his opposition to it, for we knew his view on this point long ago, but his presentation of the case as an issue between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his government on the one hand, and the people of British Columbia on the other. We had hoped that there would be no occasion for doing this. We had hoped that the unanimity among the people of this province would find an echo at Ottawa, and that the federal Premier would be advised that a policy, which will leave the country dependent upon the will of any Oriental power as to the extent to which it shall be invaded by coolie labor, will not be tolerated here. We have endeavored in the Colonist to approach this subject from an impartial point of view, and hence have foreborne to make political capital out of it. We have no desire to adopt the latter course now, but a simple statement of the facts is the most powerful arraignment of the Liberal government that the most ardent partizan could desire. This Mr. McBride presented in his speech at New Westminster, a synopsis of which we printed on Sunday. To his remarks it is not necessary to add anything, except to say that they place Sir Wilfrid Laurier in an attitude before the people of this province which neither he nor his supporters can hope to justify.

We have before us a synopsis of the speeches of Messrs. Smith, Sloan, Macpherson, Ross and Kennedy, delivered in the House of Commons on Mr. Smith's resolution, to the effect that steps ought to be taken to restrict Oriental immigration. These gentlemen seem to have confined themselves chiefly to references to the Japanese, although Mr. Macpherson laid considerable stress upon the menace of Hindu immigration. The debate has been adjourned over the holidays, and we have therefore to wait to hear what Messrs. Templeman and Gallihur have to say, but referring to those of our representatives, who did speak, it is difficult to see how they can continue their support to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, if his utterance in his Russell Theatre speech, wherein he is stated by the Ottawa Free Press (Liberal) and the Mail and Empire (Conservative) to have sent a message to the people of British Columbia to the effect that he "does not care" for our sentiments, is not absolutely withdrawn. The British Columbia members know that they dare not come back to this

province and undertake to defend, not simply the statement attributed to the federal Premier, which he might be able to explain away in some manner that would be satisfactory to partisans, but his whole policy in declining to ask the Dominion Parliament to provide for Asiatic exclusion and in refusing to permit British Columbia to exercise her constitutional right to do so. We trust that we do not show any lack of appreciation of the Imperial character of the question, when we decline to accept the suggestion that there may be reasons why Canada ought not to exclude Orientals, which do not apply to Natal, New Zealand and Australia. That we do not misrepresent the position in which the present members of the House of Commons will find themselves, if this question is not satisfactorily settled before the next general election, will abundantly appear from the following from the Vancouver World:

The only adequate remedy, as we have repeatedly said, is the Natal Act, and it is therefore, with great disappointment we learn that Sir Wilfrid Laurier from his place in the House has declared that the Japanese treaty stands in the way of the passing of the bill. It is a pity that it is not possible to pass a Natal Act from the operation of which the Japanese could be specifically excluded. Even, however, if this could not be done, why should not Sir Wilfrid take the Australian legislation for his model? This we understand on the high authority of the London Times, would not be objectionable to Japan, and, further, would apply to objectionable people of all nationalities, white or colored. British Columbia's position is a very desperate one indeed, with her ports open to hundreds of millions of Asiatics, if her only defence against an invasion of the colored races is Japan's check on her own people and the Chinese poll-tax.

Possibly we have said enough to keep Colonist readers abreast of the development of this exceedingly momentous issue, which we believe is in its importance far beyond any question now before the people of Canada. That Eastern Canadians do not fully appreciate its magnitude we can well believe, for even among ourselves there are some, who, while averse to Oriental immigration, do not fully comprehend how far-reaching its effects may be. The preservation of the western seaboard of the Dominion as a white man's country is essential to the integrity of the British Empire, and it seems not improbable that in the order of events the burden of maintaining this will be cast upon the Conservative party.

WHAT MAY BE DONE.

The throng of Christmas shoppers has been great, but it was made up chiefly of city people. There were, of course, a number of people in from the country districts, but they were not numerically strong enough to affect the general character of the crowds. Nearly all the faces one saw in a round of the shops were the same as are seen from day to day on the streets. No one remarked that there were a great many country people in town. The reason for this is a very simple one. It is that there are not many country people to come in. Hence it is that we miss one feature of Christmas trade, that is so characteristic of cities in other parts of Canada. There are no throngs of teams with loads of produce to supply the needs of the town, no throngs of men, women and children who are making the Christmas season a prolonged holiday. If we could have something of the kind, Victoria would be very greatly the better for it. We cannot expect to have sleighs loaded with turkeys, geese, beef, pork and all the other ecceteras, which go to make up a farmer's Christmas load, for the self-evident reason, that we have no sleighs or snow to run them on; but we might have hundreds of country people where now there are scores, and we might have thousands of dollars' worth of seasonable produce to take the place of the vast quantity that is brought in from abroad. Towards securing such a desirable consummation the efforts of the people of Victoria ought to be directed. We have already demonstrated in these columns, and therefore need not repeat the calculation now, that if a line were drawn from the head of Pinlayson Inlet to Sooke, there would lie to the eastward of it and of the Inlet including Saanich Arm, on Vancouver Island, a area, which if cut up into small holdings, would support an agricultural population of 50,000 people. We do not mean that all these people would be actually engaged in the cultivation of the soil, but that the farmers and their families and the artisans and workmen necessitated by their presence would total at least 50,000 people. Just think for a minute what this would mean for Victoria.

This will seem a little hackneyed to Colonist readers, but it is only by reiterating that important truths can be driven home. Whatever else there may be in the future of Victoria, one thing is assured, namely, that it will be surrounded on all sides except that which looks out over the sea by small farms, highly tilled. This will not come about in a year or in five, but we venture the prediction that what will be accomplished in that direction in the course of a decade will surprise even the most optimistic. We will have a fruit growing area, cut up into small holdings, with comfortable homes, having quick access to the city by electric

cars, so that the resident of Sidney will not be further out of town, and be able to get in and out much more conveniently, than the present resident of the Mount Tolmie section. This is the sort of thing that is coming, and when it comes, we will have the finest community in the world and we are not far from having that now.

We will have thousands of people, who will be independent, because they will live on their own land and will not have to work too hard to produce what everybody wants. This is a basis of prosperity that is peculiarly our own. No other part of the world is just like Victoria, and its surroundings, and no possible combination of circumstances can take our advantages in this respect away from us. The time is fast coming when the people, who will live all along the road from Royal Oak to North Saanich, will think no more of coming to town to see a play in the theatre, and going home in time for a late supper than the people of Esquimalt do now.

THE U. S. NAVY.

The United States navy had hardly got out of sight of land, when a sensation was created by the appearance of an article in McClure's Magazine over the signature of an expert, who has gone on the voyage with the Admiral, in which it is stated that the fleet is really only good to look at and of no better value for fighting purposes than the Russian ships which Admiral Togo sent to Davy Jones' locker one fine day off the coast of Japan. He says that the vessels are vulnerable in vital places, because the armor is not properly distributed, that the guns cannot be used in a heavy sea, that the gunners are without adequate protection, that the ammunition hoists are the laughing stock of people who know what is really needed, and that the plans according to which the fleet would be used in case of hostilities is obsolete. Altogether it is a pretty doleful picture. Of course, there is a great outcry over it. One retired Admiral says the criticism is just and that every one knows it. The Assistant Secretary of the Navy says that the criticisms are directed only to points upon which there may be differences of opinion, while another admiral denies that they are worthy of the slightest consideration. That is where the matter stands. We understand that there is no difference of opinion as to the quality of the cigars and cigarettes that were taken aboard for the use of the hardy seadogs, who wear Uncle Sam's uniform, although a very large proportion of them are not his children. We also believe that there is little doubt as to the efficiency of the baseball teams of the several vessels. The publication of the article referred to suggests that the President had some reason in the bottom of his soul for objecting to the fleet being referred to as the Armada.

On the principle that it is possible for a man to lift himself by his bootstraps, the United States is asked to endeavor to regain its position as a great maritime nation by huge subsidies.

Dr. Eaton, Superintendent of the city schools, has improved sufficiently in health to be able to contemplate a trip to a more southerly latitude, and the school board have granted him a six months' holiday. Dr. Eaton has been a very industrious and successful officer, and the citizens will be very glad to hear of his early restoration to full health.

This is the last day on which you will be able to take the necessary steps to see that no unfortunate people in Victoria, and there are a few of them, will be obliged to spend Christmas without anything to brighten the occasion. Don't wait until after you had your Christmas dinner tomorrow before expressing your sympathy with the poor.

Mr. Herbert Phipps in his letter to us this morning expresses the opinions of a very great many people, we think of the majority of the people of Victoria. He tells about a load of lumber being stuck in a mud hole on Broad street. Yesterday a load of wood was stuck in a hole on Douglas street. But it is all right. The citizens are getting exactly what they bargained for.

Count Von Haunstein, who has been spending a season exploring the country drained by the Athabasca, has returned, and says that the resources of the country are illimitable. "The possibilities of the country are not yet dreamed of," he added in a conversation with an interviewer at Edmonton. A few years ago most Canadians looked upon that part of the Dominion as of no practical use for any valuable purposes except fur hunting. There will be universal approval at the action of Mr. Bruce Walker, superintendent of Canadian immigration, in taking legal steps against London looking agents who, through misleading advertisements, are endeavoring to induce mechanics and other artisans to emigrate to Canada. It is announced also in a recent London cable that the Central Unemployed Agency and other bodies have stopped emigration to Canada. It seems quite clear that until the situation in the United States brightens, there will be an abundance of labor to satisfy Canadian demands, and in view of this it would certainly be unwise to allow agents in Europe to continue their work of inducing large bodies of men to come to this country.

Mr. Brodeur's explanations of the reason why the motor life-boat was procured in the United States may possibly be reasonable. Substantially they are that while there are Canadian firms, which build excellent life-boats, none of them is in a position to turn out such a craft as has been procured and it would have been impossible to have got the work done soon enough by a Canadian firm. This, as we have said, seems sufficient, but if lack of time was the only reason for not placing the work here, it is not a good one, for it has been known for a long while that such a boat was needed. We suppose the real explanation of the matter is that the department did not realize that the boat was necessary, until it was too late to give Canadian builders a chance to get ready for such work, although it may be that the demand for boats of that class is not sufficient in Canada to justify any factory in employing the workmen or keeping the stock needed.

On Saturday the chaplain of the Oklahoma legislature prayed that Mr. Bryan might be the next president of the United States. Possibly Mr. Bryan, in respect to this, feels very much as did the old prospector, who, crossing a mountain stream on a narrow log with a pack on his back, was suddenly confronted by a big bear coming towards him. He could not turn and retreat, so he decided to pray. He had not prayed for some considerable period, and when he had repeated "Oh, Lord help me," several times, and felt that this was hardly specific enough for the occasion, he wound up with "Oh, Lord help me; and if you can't help me, don't help the bear, and you'll see the greatest fight here you ever saw in your life." This incident in the Oklahoma legislature recalls to mind another little story. It is said that the late Sir John A. Macdonald was one day canvassing a man whom he wanted very much to vote for him. The man was a devout Christian, and after Sir John had spent about an hour explaining to him the excellence of the Conservative policy, the latter said: "See here, Sir John, I like you very much, and I do wish I could vote for you, but I can't. The fact of the matter is, I am pledged to support your opponent, and I can't break my word." Sir John was visibly crestfallen. Observing this, the man continued: "Sir John, I'll tell you what I'll do for you. I'll pray for you." "Very kind of you, I am sure," replied Sir John; and then he remained in deep thought. Shortly, he turned again to the man, and said: "I've been thinking over that proposition of yours. And if it's all the same to you, I wish you could see your way clear to vote for me and pray for the other fellow."

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

Mind and Matter.

Joe Kelley, who managed the Toronto baseball team successfully last year, got \$2,000 next season for managing the Boston team. There is a glutted market of university professors at from \$1,500 to \$2,500 a year.—Calgary News.

Good Advice.

Every citizen who conscientiously speaks well of the trade conditions is a promoter of his country's welfare and it is almost equally true that every citizen who speaks ill of the trade conditions, though conscientiously, is a detractor from his country's welfare. It would therefore be patriotic, as well as sensible, just now to say nothing about trade or the times except what is cheering.—Mail and Empire.

Worth the Money.

It cost the Crown Bank about \$100,000 to capture its absconding teller, Banwell and we think the Crown Bank deserves about \$100,000 of public gratitude and goodwill for proving that Canadian banks do not propose to let any embezzler escape from them, no matter what the cost of pursuit may be. It is true that the Crown Bank has now recovered from Banwell's depredations the cost of the pursuit—but then it might have failed to do so.—Ottawa Journal.

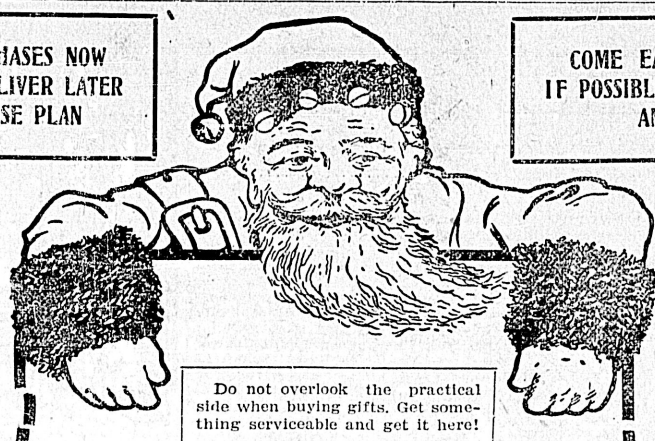
The Quebec Bridge.

The discussion of the Quebec bridge disaster was chiefly valuable to the public as throwing light upon the manner in which, instead of the government handling a great work itself, it manages to let it be done by proxy by political friends who are financed with public money. The Quebec Bridge company was originally authorized to issue a capital stock of \$1,600,000, but the original contract contained a clause so convenient to promoters who finance great projects out of the empty air—namely the right to issue its stock as paid up stock to persons who do not pay for it. The company, as late as the autumn of 1903 only about \$65,000 of the stock of the company had been paid up, but whether in real money or in services to the company, it was known. As Mr. Barker of Hamilton pointed out, when in the fall of that year the Laurier government entered into an arrangement with the bridge company, which authorized a capital of \$65,586,70, the company boldly started out to construct the greatest bridge the world has known. It was presumed at that time that the cost of the structure would be about \$8,000,000. Then the real financing of the company commenced. Previous to this the Laurier government gave their friends of the company a check for the sum of \$375,000, the province gave them \$250,000, the city of Quebec \$300,000, making a total of nearly \$1,000,000, but in 1904 that money had already been spent on the purchase of a substantial piece of the bridge, and they were in debt \$701,000.

In other words, this company of friends of the government, which had started out to build an \$8,000,000 bridge on an alleged capital of \$65,000, had got \$1,000,000 of public money, was \$700,000 in debt, and the superstructure of the bridge had not been commenced. It was bankrupt and helpless. We can fancy them appealing to their friends, the Laurier government, and once more the public has to come to their rescue, in the dying hour of the session of 1904 the Laurier government undertook to guarantee the securities of the company to the extent of \$6,678,000. Having done all this, the government took no further steps to see that the structure was properly built, and that the country got any benefit for this money. As everybody knows, the structure was poorly supervised, and the bridge fell down, and all there is to show for the expenditure is the approaches, the piers, a mass of twisted iron, and a pending lawsuit.

The one question which will strike the ordinary taxpayer is, Why did not the government build and own the bridge instead of financing the friends with the people's money?—Montreal Star.

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WE SHALL DELIVER LATER
IT IS A WISE PLAN



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IF POSSIBLE—BUT COME
ANYWAY

Get Acquainted

With This Store—The Home of the Best Gifts

WE weren't disappointed in our expectations of a rush yesterday. We are going to realize our hopes of the biggest day yet, today. It is simply a matter of getting "acquainted." After the introduction, we are friends for all time. Some people imagine this establishment, with its imposing building, its handsome interior fittings, etc., is a "high-priced" shop; that they are barred by "high prices" from partaking of its offerings; that they must not come in, unless to buy. Mistaken ideas—all—and notions we wish to dispel. These but mirror merchandise of high quality, but not necessarily high-priced. Quality, we admit, is a "failing" of ours—"nothing but the best" is the word here. Now, we want everybody to know they are free to come in and roam through this store at their will. We want to get acquainted with every person in this city, and we know of no better time than now—today. Why not be one of the many visitors today?

Thought of a Pretty Table Cover as a Gift?

No! Then why not a Table Cover? Again the usefulness of the article, and its decorative qualities should carry weight in your choosing. With an assortment of covers ranging in price from seventy-five cents upwards you will find no difficulty in selecting one to suit your purse limits. Come up to the second floor, for there are many other styles there.

CENTRE TABLE COVERS, tapestry, in crimson, blue and green, Dutch figured border and fringed, 36 x 36 in. Each \$1.00
CENTRE TABLE COVERS, made of mercerized cotton in fancy colorings and patterns, 36 x 36 in. each \$1.65
TAPESTRY TABLE COVERS, in many fancy colorings, 54 x 54 in., with fringe all around, each \$2.00
CENTRE TABLE COVERS, made in silk, fancy figured chintz pattern, 36 x 36 in., each . . . \$3.50
Same material but 54 x 54 in. \$10.00

CENTRE TABLE COVERS, made of mohair in colors of gold, blue and terra cotta, 36 x 36 in. each \$5.50
Same material, but 54 x 54 inches, each . . . \$10.00
CENTRE TABLE COVERS, in liberty art fabrics, in handsome hand printed designs, 36x36 in., is washable, at \$1.00 and 75c
TAPESTRY TABLE COVERS, in fancy oriental and floral effects, long tassel fringe, 72 x 72 in., from \$6.50 to \$2.50
CENTRE TABLE COVERS, made of silk with long tassel fringe, 36 x 36 in., each \$3.50

New Candles Shades for Your Xmas Table

Dinners and Parties and Holidays mean a little more elaborate Table Decoration. The daintily decorated table comes in for about as much criticism as the dresses of the ladies. Then, too, if the Table Decorations are correct, every eatable thing seems nicer and better.

The Winter and Holiday season coming means that you will surely require some Lamps and Candle Shades, Shade Holders, Candle Holders, and all such. You'll find among our new stock, just unpacked, some of New York's latest ideas in Shades—pretty efforts, too. The new arrivals make our present showing much the best yet, and that means it's far ahead of all other stores' exhibits. Some pretty styles are shown in our Government Street window.

PAPER SHADES, 5c to \$1.50 SILK SHADES, 65c to \$4.00

Pretty Gifts for "Her"

In fascinating gifts for "her" this store offers many times the now famous "hundred and one" articles. Stunning China Dressing Table Pieces; handsome china and glass flower holders; cosy and beautiful cushions; comfortable chairs for her bedroom; Dressers with great large mirrors and combinations of mirrors; Sterling silver pieces for her dressing table; a multitude of gift things, all useful, such as no other store offers you.

Perhaps she is musically inclined, then why not a music cabinet? Pretty pictures may be her "failing"—the picture gallery offers much—better "come on in."

"Sensibles" for the Home

Pre-eminently a "home store," we are therefore leaders as a store for gifts for the home. This store is crowded with good things to give and "good things" only should be given "the home." Why choose from little stocks when this establishment spreads before you a stock of merchandise such as isn't seen elsewhere in the West; a stock teeming with worthy pieces priced most reasonably?

When you send home a sensible gift, picked from our stock, every member of the house shares in the enjoyment it gives. Choose Furniture.

Good Things for "Him"

This is a trying time for your sweethearts, wives and sisters.

You know "he" prefers to buy his own ties and gloves and handkerchiefs and "what to give" becomes a momentous question.

Yet here's a store where inspiration comes easily, through the silent influence of the hundred and one things made for "his" use and decoration, and which are not higher priced than you would expect to pay for "his" gift.

We'll help you by suggestion, if needed. By all means see this store's offerings before deciding on "his" gift.

See These Interesting Gift-Filled China Counters

Low priced gifts in china we have in plenty. To facilitate choosing we have arranged four counters, each holding a host of articles at a single price. One table is filled with articles at 10 cents, and it is surpris. g what a lot of pretty and useful articles it contains. Another at 15c holds many dainty bits of china. Lots of odd pieces worth much more have been placed on these tables, and we do not think there are offered anywhere better values in China Bits. Come in and look them over.

10, 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c—China Gifts—50c, 35c, 25c, 15c, 10c

Just Send "The Lady" One of These Pretty Desks

LADIES' DESKS—In golden oak, highly polished. A big range of styles at various pricings. We have them at, each, \$40.00, \$20.00, \$18.00, \$16.00, \$14.00 and \$12.00

LADIES' DESKS—In mahogany, three handsome styles in this wood are shown. Highly polished. Trimmings very best. Prices range at, each, \$25.00, \$18.00 and \$16.00

LADIES' DESKS—In oak, mission designs, finished in popular early English. We have an unusually large assortment of styles, and some uncommonly pretty designs they are, too. The price range runs: \$32.00, \$30.00, \$25.00, \$22.00, \$20.00, \$18.00 and \$15.00

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NOTE AND COMMENT

While there will be a general disposition to refuse to accept the story until an authoritative announcement has been made, it would seem the most logical thing in the world for the British Admiralty to re-establish Esquimaux as a naval base. The ablest critics of the situation are in absolute accord that the Pacific ocean is to be the arena wherein will be solved at a not remote date mighty problems of sea mastery, and with the United States fleet now on the way to this coast, and with not some unnatural fears as to the outcome of this piece of strategy, it is felt that Great Britain will at an early date be fully prepared for any eventualities in these waters. The Montreal Star, writing of course before the rumor of yesterday that a navy would again be maintained at Esquimaux, said:

Perhaps the best answer to those who profess to believe that the movement of the United States fleet—practically the entire naval armament of the country—from the Atlantic to the Pacific, means trouble with Japan, may be found in the fact that Great Britain is not losing sight of the matter. She knows that the arrival of the American fleet in the Pacific will overbalance the united fleets of Japan and Great Britain in those waters; yet the American fleet is to be supplied by British coilers while on its long trip. There is every indication, really, that the Pacific will be a theater of war, and that the British and Japanese fleets will be engaged in a friendly eye that no bad boys climb over his Atlantic fence while he is away. The evidence of absolute cordiality and complete confidence between Great Britain and the United States, as well as between the British and Russians, is the most hopeful sign of peace we have had in the last century.

Remarkable as the statement may seem, it appears that Vancouver is the one point in the whole of the province where industrial depression is being at all severely felt. Of the thoroughly satisfactory situation in Victoria and other points on Vancouver Island there is general knowledge the Nelson News thus tells of conditions in the interior:

Reports from Crow's Nest points, particularly Fernie, are to the effect that conditions were never better. From the Slokan comes word of marked improvements, a much healthier tone prevails and there is a distinct betterment in the general outlook. Nelson merchants all report good business, some state that their returns indicate a decided improvement over last year and of those interviewed none told of any falling off. Despite the inactivity in the lumber industry, there is every promise of good times continuing throughout southern British Columbia during the winter months and with the settlement of the Boundary question, a favorable line of the men returning to work there will be no depression for anything in the nature of depression throughout this great territory.

The recent appalling disasters in several of the great coal mines of the United States have very naturally been followed by a demand on the part of the press of that country that the most thorough inquiry should immediately be made by the government into the matter of the operation of such properties. The managements of the various mines where the terrible explosions have occurred declare emphatically that every precaution known to science were employed to safeguard the lives of the men. This may or may not be true, but one of two things is certain—the accidents were either the result of negligence, or the existing measures to ensure the safe operation of coal mines are entirely inadequate, and thus the need of an investigation in any event is apparent. In this connection, the Spokesman-Review, of Spokane, says:

It is reported that a "school of mines" is about to be instituted at Pittsburgh by the department of the interior to study explosions, and to demonstrate what explosives may be used in mines without danger of igniting any of the gasses found in them. Fire damp will also be investigated and an endeavor will be made to discover how rescuing parties may safely enter mines after an explosion. The matter certainly calls for earnest study and vigorous action. The contrast between this country and Europe is suggestive of gross and criminal negligence here in the operation of mines, and calls for a more stringent official supervision than now prevails. None too soon is systematic action being taken by the government to investigate mine disasters. The owners of the mines must be made to take upon themselves a greater responsibility for the lives of their employees.

There is ample room for speculation as to what will be the ultimate outcome of the action of the United States in transferring its naval fleet from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and critics everywhere are busily engaged in advancing theories. It is not without significance that very many observers of the trend of world events, who are usually not far astray in their deductions, have serious misgivings as to what will be the upshot of the matter. Thus the Toronto Globe expresses some doubt as to whether the fleet will ever return to the Atlantic, saying:

"Though there will certainly be no immediate trouble between Japan and the United States over the appearance of the American fleet in Pacific waters, it is morally certain that the Japanese people will resent it, all the more because the voyage has been complicated with the outbreak of the trouble over Japanese immigration to the United States. This it is that makes thoughtful observers and acute reasoners doubt whether the fleet that sailed yesterday will ever return, and surmise that during the next few years there will be a bitter struggle which will contain half a dozen battleships of the Dreadnought type. If this prognostication falls it will be because President Roosevelt takes with him into retirement the 'big stick' policy that has prompted so much of his activity during the past few years."

FORTY YEARS AGO

The British Colonist, Tuesday, December 24, 1867. The H. B. Co.'s bark Prince of Wales, R. Adamson, commander, which arrived on Saturday morning last, 134 days from London, was towed to her wharf yesterday afternoon by the company's steamer. The Prince of Wales brought a full and valuable cargo, mostly consigned to the Hudson Bay Company, all of which is in excellent condition. The appearance of the vessel is fresh and clean, as though she had left London docks yesterday, instead of having been buffeted by the winds of two oceans for a period of nearly four months and a half. The bark will commence discharging at the company's dock this morning.

Harriers.—The Prince of Wales has on board six English harriers, shipped at London by Wilson Brown, of this city. These animals will be taken in charge and trained by a club of gentlemen of this city.

Fine Stock.—On board the Prince of Wales we observed a Southdown ram and ewe, and a Berkshire boar, sow and pig of the choicest breeds.

From the East Coast.—The steamer Sir James Douglas arrived in the harbor at 5 1/2 on Sunday morning. She brought a cargo of goods, and after leaving Nanaimo, Messrs. Pearce and Leigh Harnett, with a number of other passengers came down. She brought seven head of fat cattle from Comox, besides slaughtered hogs and cattle from other places for Christmas festivities, and a quantity of game, etc. The weather was cold and disagreeable the whole trip. On Thursday night snow fell as low down as Nanaimo to the depth of 14 to 16 inches.

The clipper ship Shooting Star, seven days from San Francisco, arrived in the outer harbor on Saturday. On Sunday she took aboard a pilot and sailed for Nanaimo, for which port she is bound to load with coal for San Francisco. The gale of Sunday night, however, drove her back to her anchorage ground in the Royal Roads. The captain brought no papers.

The barometer, on Sunday night, at eight o'clock, went down to 28.65—the lowest recorded instance on the coast. Old salts argue from this that there has been a terrific hurricane outside and that we shall hear of shipwrecks in the vicinity of the Straits.

The Enterprise sailed for New Westminster at 12 o'clock yesterday, having on board His Excellency the Governor and Mrs. Seymour, who will return here after Christmas.

Marine Reporting Under Difficulties.—On Sunday afternoon one of our staff started in the racing gig (Glance), rowed by Lachapelle and Harmon, to board the bark Prince of Wales, then lying at anchor in the Royal Roads. Shortly after leaving the harbor the severe gale of that day sprang up, and the gig, after narrowly escaping being swamped, reached the bark about 2 1/2 p.m. The party were cordially received by Capt. Adamson and entertained by that gentleman with true sailor hospitality. Having been furnished with the memoranda of the ship's voyage, our friend re-embarked on the Glance for his return; but had scarcely proceeded three boat's lengths from the vessel's side before a huge sea struck the gig, nearly engulfing it and drowning the occupants to the skin. Another pull or two and it became evident that the Glance could never tide the heavy seas that were running. Capt. Adamson thereupon invited the party to return aboard, dry their clothes and pass the night there—an invitation, which we can assure our readers, they were not slow in accepting. In the morning, as the wind continued to blow "great guns" and the sea ran high, the captain dispatched his own gig, with a crew of four men, and landed our reporter safely and soundly at Esquimaux, whence he reached town with his marlin intelligence, too late for yesterday's issue of the Colonist, but in time for that of today.

N.B.—The captain has an infallible remedy for sea-sickness. Having tried it, we can furnish a certificate of its efficiency to any skeptical hand-lubber.

ABOUT PEOPLE

The election of the Hon. Guy Greville Wilson, as Liberal member for West Hill in the Imperial Parliament, again confirms the Wilsons in their position of full, which one member of the family has represented since 1875. The new member was born in 1877. He was a lieutenant in the 11th Hussars, and in the war in South Africa was employed with Damant's Horse, receiving for his services the Queen's medal with two clasps and the D. S. O. Since November, 1904, he has been a captain in the East Riding of Yorkshire Imperial Yeomanry, and he is a director of Earle's Shipbuilding company. Mr. Wilson was elected by a majority of over two hundred in a three-cornered fight against a Conservative and a Labor candidate.

Lord Hawke, the captain of Yorkshire's first-class cricketing team, is the subject of a healthy comment in Yorkshire. The testimonial which is being raised to celebrate the twenty-fifth year of his captaincy promises in spirit and liberality, worthily to express the feeling of the whole county toward their famous countryman. Some of the finest tributes to his leadership are not finding press publicity. Among the circle of his intimate friends and "men" who have served under him, it is being recalled how he has transformed the inward and ideal of his team. Abstemious himself, and hence in relation to intoxicants has been specially blackballed, until for many years now the team has been most exemplary. Parents who have been aware of the perils of sporting career have felt quite comfortable while their sons have been under the wing of Lord Hawke. An intimate acquaintance has recalled a characteristic incident. As "second in command," he went up to Lord Hawke's bedroom the last thing at night. His lordship was reading the Book of Books. "Are all the men in?" he asked. "Yes." "Now I can go to rest," he replied. "Good night." It has been the good man behind the clever cricketer that has evoked the remarkable devotion of those who under his leadership have won for the county the proud position it holds in relation to England's most popular game.

Queen Victoria, always the closest observer of etiquette, never suggested

any addition to the party gathered to meet her, whereas her royal successor and his Queen actually furnished a list of guests whose favored names appear over and over again at each visit. They include usually the Marquis de Soveral, the ever-popular Portuguese minister, noted for his brilliant wit; Lord and Lady Londonderry, Mrs. Cornwallis West, Mr. Balfour, Lord Chesterfield, Mr. and Mrs. Willie James, the Duke of Devonshire, and one or two others.

Few people outside the "charmed circle" can realize the magnitude of the preparations necessary for one of these royal visits. Some of the princely castles contain suites of rooms wholly set apart for royalty, and furnished in accordance with the known tastes and desires of the King and Queen. Such houses as Dalketh Palace in Scotland, the seat of the Duke of Buccleuch; Clumber, the Duke of Newcastle's place; Dunrobin Castle, belonging to the Duke of Sutherland; one or two of Lord Bessborough's houses; and of course, historic Blenheim.—Harper's Bazaar.

If the Duke of Portland is not disturbed by the present claimant, it may be, says the Pall Mall Gazette, that numbers will impress him more, as is now announced that a New Zealand gentleman named Calkin intends to enter a claim for the property, and this remoteness of origin seems to agree with the remoteness of this kind of claim, for more of these gentry come from afar. One is reminded at present of the famous case, in which Dickens modeled his "Landlord and the Tenants" in a Birmingham ironmonger, who would otherwise have been forgotten, died intestate, leaving considerably over a million, and in three-quarters of a century the claimants formed quite a little army. They actually held a meeting in the Birmingham Temperance hall on March 2, 1875, but little good has since come of it, or of the quarter-million which is said to have been spent in prosecuting their claims.

BRITISH OPINION

Belfast Whig.—The veteran Ulster soldier Field-Marshal Sir George White was the principal speaker at the Thanksgiving Day banquet in London. In proposing the toast of "The President of the United States" Sir George paid a glowing tribute to Mr. Roosevelt, who, he said, seemed to him to realize more than any other in the world the character of Bunyan's Great Heart. In replying to the toast of his health Mr. White, Reid, the American ambassador, made interesting reference to the financial crisis through which the United States has been passing. He was confident that the clouds would roll by. No doubt there has been a storm and there had been wreckage, and perhaps the innocent had suffered most. The trouble had come about through neglect of two imperative commandments—"Don't ever sell what you have not got" and "Never buy what you cannot pay for." The ambassador found justification for his faith in the future of America in her splendid resources and in the fact of her being at peace with all the world.

London Daily Mail.—The London county council will have to consider and decide upon a report of its highways committee recommending the sale of six of the county council's passenger steamers. The report is an admission that the Thames service has not paid, and can't pay while the statistics which it embodies show that the steamers have been used by an annually-decreasing number of passengers. Many will deplore the disappearance of water transport as a factor in modern life. But it is obvious that life has become too rapid for the use of inland waterways. The canal, except in these rare instances where it can be used by ocean-going ships, and the small steamers of the river belong to a by-gone age when men were content to travel in a leisurely manner, when they were in no hurry for the delivery of goods, and when they lived near their work. It is true that in France and Germany canals in modern times have been greatly developed. But this is due rather to the imperfections of the railway system in those countries and to special geographical conditions than to any inherent merit in the canals. It has been said by a modern American engineer that a railway can always run round a canal in the matter of speed and cost of operation.

Next year, it is more than probable, amongst the four self-governing colonies, Natal alone will possess a government cherishing a genuine regard for the Imperial connection. We do not suggest that the others will be forthwith prepared to break away, since complete independence would entail heavy outlay in defensive preparations, by land and by sea, against incorporation in another Empire. But though we may, therefore, reckon for the present upon a continuance of lip homage from the three Dutch Premiers, there is nobody in South Africa who will be deceived by their attitude. I ventured to remark, for one reason why they use the language of colonial loyalty is that the loose rule of the British Empire is a more comfortable alternative than subjugation by another colonising Power. Yet loyal statesmen are not ashamed to go up and down the country talking about their trust in the gratitude of the Boers and their confidence in the eternal principle of magnanimity as at first expounded by Mr. Gladstone and now improved by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.—London Standard.

The condition of things which the Tariffites would like to see in this country exists now in America. Banks are failing, credit is destroyed, the fabric of finance is shattered, factories are being closed, and the people suffer from high prices. Now, the collapse in America is the direct outcome of protection, as protection led to an artificial condition of things, inflated prices, and the formation of Trusts, trusts are over-capitalized. They have not assets to represent their capital. The banks, which are filled with their money, have no money to represent the paper they issue. There is a dearth of gold, and the unstable institutions built on an artificial foundation—the base of which is protection collapsed. We suffer in England in consequence, because America wants our gold to help restore her credit. The bank rate is raised, to the injury of our industries, in order to protect our gold from the Americans by making money dear. But we cannot make money dear to America without making it dear to ourselves. We hope that the moral of this object-lesson will not be lost on our protectionists.—Lloyd's Weekly.

Prince Buelow has just introduced a Bill designed to facilitate the settle-

ment of a German "garrison" in the Polish provinces of Prussia. Ever since the partition of Poland, Prussia has been endeavoring, with but little success, to denationalize her Poles. The battle goes on in the school and in the country. The Poles are intelligent, well-organized, and patriotic, and the landowners have generally contrived to raise the price of land against the government to a prohibitive level. To meet this obstacle Prince Buelow has introduced a Bill which will enable him to take land by compulsion in order to settle German colonists upon it. The contrast between this flagrant policy of race ascendancy and our own recent policy in Ireland is sufficiently marked. The great, who first inaugurated the policy of "plantation," in the naked terms which Prince Buelow yesterday employed. In the twentieth century he boasts that the rulers of modern Prussia have abandoned none of the principles laid down by Frederick the Great, who first inaugurated the policy of "plantation." Much as we still find to criticize in Unionist policy, much as we distrust English Imperialism, it is at least some centuries in advance of William of Orange.—London Daily News.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Our Awful Streets.

Sir—I quite agree with Mr. Barton when he says in his letter of Saturday's Colonist that the city engineer should come in for his share of criticism. One day, when I was walking in a contractor's head of lumber sunk in a hole on Broad street, it took an hour for the teamster to get his wagon out and then not a word of criticism. I got several men and another team to help him, that hole is still there only deeper. Will the city engineer take a walk up Blanchard street near Queen's avenue and examine that hole and the wheels of a contractor's truck which are stuck in the field and Blanchard street. When the wind blows hard half the fence is over the sidewalk. Is not the city engineer supposed to look after these things? I asked a workman to put a plank down for them to walk on, he said, "See the boss." Wonder he did not tell me to see the mayor, the council and the city engineer. May I suggest he be made to endeavor to make this a clean city, if he has not succeeded, Victoria today, more than ever before, presents an atmosphere of neglect, disgraceful streets, tumble down fences, alleys and vacant lots full and covered with unsightly objects and filthy rubbish. Mayor Morley says he has 200 men working for him. I have known a mile of railroad to be built in a day with half that number of men. Why not put them all on the streets for a month or two, surely they ought to be able to build half a mile of streets in a day. The mayor and council, without the city engineer, for some strange reason, refused the C. P. R. to leave to lay their track on a few hundred feet of Store street, a company that would keep the street in better shape than ever the present mayor, the council and the city engineer would do. Actors and actresses on the stage are sometimes rotten-hearted when they accept the public's money and give an inadequate and fraudulent return for it. Would not the public be justified in withdrawing the mayor, the council and the city engineer, for where's the difference? Are they not actors and actresses of an extremely indifferent cast as far as the management of the city's affairs are concerned?

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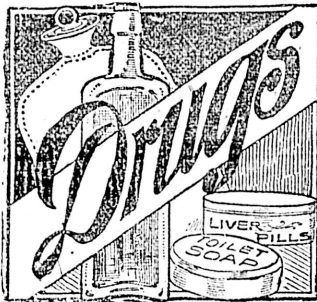
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COURT CANNOT SIT BEFORE JANUARY 3

Failure to Properly Advise the Sitting Means Considerable Delay

The court of revision on the civic voters' lists which should have assembled on Saturday last, but which owing to the fact that the meeting had not been advertised for the full five days as the Municipal Elections act provides, was adjourned, will assemble on January 3 next. That is the earliest date on which, according to an opinion expressed by the city barrister, the court can meet and consider applications to add to or strike names from the list.

The matter was brought up at last night's meeting of the city council when the following letter from the city barrister was read:

Dear Sir,—Regarding the sitting of the Court of Revision, in view of the omission to advertise the sitting of the court for five consecutive days prior to the day appointed for sitting, namely 21st inst., it will be necessary to give fresh notice, namely, 10 days' notice of the sitting to be posted on the usual bulletin board at the city hall and 5 days advertisement in some city newspaper. Abandon present proceedings entirely. In order to comply with the time limits of 10 days and 5 days, the earliest date on which the court may sit will be January 3, that is if the notice is posted in the city hall today. The principal upon which the matter proceeded today was the old one that where a statute imposes a duty upon a public body of performing a public act at a particular time, the mere omission to perform such act at such time does not prevent individuals affected from obtaining relief and having the public body ordered to perform same, notwithstanding expiration of the time fixed by the statute for such performance.

The order of Mr. Justice Irving fixing upon January 3 as the date for the sitting of the court of revision was also read. Application was made to Mr. Justice Irving yesterday morning by the city solicitors and the order was made.

Ald. Fell asked if there was any explanation why this delay occurred, and who had been instructed to bring the matter to the court.

Mayor Morley stated that there had been an oversight and the five days advertisement had not been inserted in the paper. It had not been advertised until Wednesday last which allowed of only three days publication as the court was supposed to sit on Saturday last. The city barrister, Mr. Taylor, had been advised to give advice upon application to the court.

Ald. Fell—"What about our own solicitor?"

Mr. Mann, the city solicitor, explained that he had not been consulted until the city barrister had been asked for his opinion.

Mayor Morley, with some heat, declared that he was aware that there were reports about the city that the delay had been a scheme of the mayor to delay matters that certain persons against whom he had been proceeding, had been pushed ahead in time. He wished to give an unqualified denial to such reports and Ald. Fullerton also declared that no member of the court of revision had taken any steps to block the proceedings.

Ald. Hanna—"Then the medal goes to Ald. Fullerton."

The city barrister's letter was filed and will be acted upon.

NEWS OF THE CITY

Another Likely Candidate

W. Worthington is likely to be a candidate for the position of alderman to represent Ward 1 at the approaching municipal elections.

Contract Is Let

The contract for the schoolhouse at Lynn Valley has been let to F. P. Rogers. His tender of \$1525 was accepted. The contract has been sent up and will be signed at once.

Returns From Chemainus

His Lordship Bishop Perrin returned yesterday from Chemainus. At that place on Sunday he instituted Rev. W. Burton and administered the rite of confirmation.

Drug Stores Close Christmas

All the drug stores of the city will close on Christmas day at one o'clock in the afternoon and remain closed for the rest of the day. Urgent medicines may be obtained by telephoning the residences of the various druggists.

Special Music

Special Christmas music was rendered on Sunday morning by the choir of the Centennial Methodist church. Miss B. Deaville sang "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth." At the service in the evening, W. J. Dowler sang a solo "Christmas Morn." Pretty decorations of holly, laurel and carnations were placed around the church.

Children Celebrate

The annual Sunday school entertainment of the Centennial Methodist church will be held next Friday evening. The children will give a cantata, entitled "The Glorious Gift of Old," and there will also be a number of other children's contributions. After the entertainment there will be a Christmas tree for the children in the schoolroom of the church.

Addresses Local Hindus

A special meeting of Victoria Hindus was held at 2853 Douglas street in connection with the 37th anniversary of the Shri Devi Guru Bhagwa, the venerable founder and president of the Dev Samaj. A few verses from the scripture were read and expounded to the audience by G. D. Kumar. The latter explained that speaking the truth and association with the truthful was necessary to attain to the position of "Dharmik." At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

Government and Ideals

"Government and Ideals" was the subject of an address at the Victoria West Methodist church on Sunday evening last. An intelligent grasp of the ideal and faithful service in carrying it out was what was required by the rulers of this country, the people. They had to exercise their rule through the ballot box. The speaker referred to the abstract terms of Victoria and to the approaching municipal elections. At the close, one half of the congregation remained to discuss the problems of the present day.

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Must Rush Work
Government Agent Griffiths at Field, B. C., has been instructed to rush work on the construction of the lockup at that point.

Telegraph Wires Down.
Yesterday evening's storm played havoc with the telegraph wires between this city and the mainland, with the result that no messages, press or commercial came over the wires last night. The Colonist is therefore without the usual amount of telegraphic news this morning.

Prof. Burwash to Lecture.
Next Saturday evening Prof. Burwash, of Columbia university, will lecture at the weekly "pop" in the Y.M.C.A. auditorium. The lecture will be illustrated with about fifty excellent (timely) views. Prof. Burwash is coming to the city for a visit during the holidays.

Finds Quartz Vein
John Bentley has recently returned from Sooke Lake district, and reports having found a quartz vein varying from two to four feet in width and carrying free gold. This vein crosses the formation and in this respect varies from all other veins in that district as they run parallel with the formation. The footwall of the vein is syenite and the hanging wall slate and it looks exceedingly promising. On this vein he has located the "Gold Jack" mineral claim. Mr. Bentley expects to start active development of the property early in the New Year.

Victoria Musical Society's Concerts.
Season tickets have been mailed to those members who have paid the subscription. Those who have not yet paid can obtain their season tickets by forwarding cheques to, or calling upon, the honorary secretary of the Victoria Musical society, Stewart Williams, at his office on Hastings street. Kubellik is creating a tremendous amount of enthusiasm in New York and other Eastern cities. The theatres there, large as they are, cannot accommodate the immense crowds who apply for admission. He will be heard in Victoria on January 1.

Victim of Two Mishaps
J. H. Frank, commercial traveler for Simon, Limited, of this city, last Monday had a narrow escape of being instantly killed. At Westholme Station Mr. Frank had to put off a small parcel for a customer in Crofton. Looking for the stage driver, he ventured some 10 to 15 feet away from the platform, when the train started again. Running back to the platform, he tried to board a moving car, slipped and fell between platform and rail. His presence of mind told him to lay on his side and hold on to the planks of the platform. Fortunately for him the fireman, who looked back down the train, saw him fall, and told the engineer to throw on the emergency brake which was done and the train brought to a dead stop. Two cars and part of the third and last car had gone by him, the oil boxes of every wheel hiding his body. Bystanders and the conductor helped Mr. Frank out of his awkward position from which he escaped with only his elbow dislocated and between his shoulders. Mr. Frank remained on the road for the balance of the week, proceeding up to Cumberland. Reaching Comox on Friday afternoon, he went up the waft, during a terrible gale, had the misfortune to slip again and fell, striking the rail with his elbow, dislocating his arm at the shoulder. Friends helped him up and after two hours of severe suffering, medical aid arrived from Courtney. Chloroform had to be used but the dislocated shoulder was soon put back. Saturday night Mr. Frank reached Victoria and is now around again, none the worse for his last week's experience.

THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 23, 1907:

SYNOPSIS.
Owing to storm all wires are down this evening and no report received.

SUNDAY.
Highest 50
Lowest 44
Mean 47
Rain, .04 inch.

MONDAY.
Highest 51
Lowest 44
Mean 46
Rain, .26 inch.

TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, B. C., December, 1907.

Date	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
1	00:06	6.01	4:51	5.41	11:30	8.6	19:09	4.3
2	00:32	6.4	5:27	6.01	11:51	8.9	19:30	3.4
3	00:59	6.8	6:03	6.12	12:15	9.2	19:58	2.4
4	01:26	7.1	6:39	6.43	12:43	9.6	20:34	1.5
5	01:53	7.8	7:15	7.13	13:14	9.9	21:16	0.9
6	02:20	8.2	7:58	7.39	13:47	10.0	22:02	0.5
7	02:47	8.5	8:31	8.14	14:21	9.9	22:50	0.2
8	03:14	8.7	9:01	8.44	14:56	9.5	23:40	0.7
9	03:41	8.8	9:26	8.45	15:32	8.9		
10	04:08	8.7	9:48	8.18	16:03	8.0	16:12	8.2
11	04:35	8.4	10:08	7.45	16:30	6.8	17:05	7.3
12	05:02	7.9	10:26	6.57	16:53	5.3	22:29	6.4
13	05:29	7.1	10:42	5.50	17:17	4.0		
14	05:56	6.0	10:57	4.28	17:41	2.4		
15	06:23	4.7	11:11	3.00	18:05	1.0		
16	06:50	3.3	11:24	1.68	18:29	0.2		
17	07:17	1.9	11:36	0.34	18:52	0.0		
18	07:44	0.5	11:47	0.00	19:14	0.0		
19	08:11	0.0	11:57	0.00	19:35	0.0		
20	08:38	0.0	12:06	0.00	19:55	0.0		
21	09:05	0.0	12:14	0.00	20:14	0.0		
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25	10:53	0.0	12:36	0.00	21:20	0.0		
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List of Awards at the Famous Fruit Show in England Are Received

The full list of awards made at the exhibition of colonial grown fruits and vegetables, colonial preserves and bottled and preserved fruits and vegetables of "At Home," given by the Royal Horticultural Society at Vincent square, Westminster, London, S. W., has been received by Hon. R. G. Tatlow, minister of finance and agriculture.

British Columbia heads the list, having won the society's gold medal and British Columbia exhibitors are to the fore in all the awards.

The following is the full prize list:

Gold Medal.
The Government of the Province of British Columbia (agent general, Hon. J. H. Turner, Salisbury House, Flinsbury Circus, London, E. C.), for a collection of apples and pears.

The West Indian Produce association, limited (manager, C. A. Phillip, 4, Fenchurch Buildings, London, E. C.), for colonial-grown fruits and vegetables, colonial preserves, etc.

The West Indian committee (secretary, Algernon E. Aspinall, 15 seething Lane, London, E. C.), for citrus fruits, colonial preserves, etc., contributed by Grenada, Jamaica and Trinidad.

Silver-Gilt Lindley Medal.
The Royal Mail Steam Packet company, 18 Moorgate street, London, E. C., for colonial-grown fruits and vegetables and colonial preserves.

Silver-Gilt Knightian Medal.
The Government of Nova Scotia (agent general, John Howard, 57a Pall Mall, London, S. W.), for a collection of apples.

Silver-Gilt Banksian Medal.
T. G. Earl, Lytton, British Columbia, for apples.
S. R. Blanchard, Nova Scotia, for apples.
A. L. Parker, Berwick, Nova Scotia, for apples.

Silver Knightian Medal.
The Department of Agriculture, Ontario, Canada, for a collection of apples and pears, contributed by the Fruit Growers' association of Ontario.
The Nelson Fruit Growers' association, Nelson, British Columbia, for apples.

Stirling & Pitcairn, Kelowna, British Columbia, for apples.
Mrs. J. Smith, Spences Bridge, British Columbia, for apples.
J. R. Brown, Summerland, British Columbia, for apples.
A. L. Morse, Berwick, Nova Scotia, for apples.
R. J. Messenger, Tupperville, Nova Scotia, for apples.
L. A. Kinsman, Lakeville, Nova Scotia, for apples.
J. E. Smith, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, for apples.

Silver Banksian Medal.
Oscar Brown & Co., Vernon, British Columbia, for apples.
A. Unsworth, Chilliwack, British Columbia, for apples.
The Kaslo Fruit Growers' association, Kaslo, British Columbia, for apples.
E. Archibald, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, for apples.
T. W. Foster, North Kingston, Nova Scotia, for apples.
F. C. Johnson, Bridgetown, Nova Scotia, for apples.
W. Woodwork, Nova Scotia, for apples.

Jackson & Co., 172 Piccadilly, London, W., for Cape preserves, including jams, tinned and bottled fruits.

Bronze Knightian Medal.
A. C. Starr, Starrs Point, Nova Scotia, for apples.
J. A. Ritchie, Summerland, British Columbia, for apples.
Grand Forks District, Grand Forks, British Columbia, for apples.
F. R. Gartrell, Summerland, British Columbia, for apples.
Salmon Arm Farmers' Exchange, Salmon Arm, British Columbia, for apples.

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The committee of St. Helena (secretary, A. G. Wise, Caxton Hall, Westminster, London, S. W.), for jams.
H. Hamel Smith, 112 Fenchurch street, E. C., for Cacao beans.
A. H. Evans, 72 Victoria street, London, S. W., for Cape preserves.

Home Bottled Fruits and Vegetables
Class 1—Home bottled fruits (open). This exhibit must not occupy a space greater than 10 feet by 3 feet. All must be British grown and British prepared.
First—Silver Knightian medal, W. Poupart, Jr., Enfield, Belmont road, Twickenham.
Second—Silver Banksian medal, W. Miles & Co., 16 Church road, Hove.
Third—Bronze Knightian medal, Horticultural College, Swanley.
Class 2—Eighteen bottles of British grown fruits (including six different kinds at least) bottled and shown by exhibitors who do not sell their produce, or in any way work for the trade.
First £3—Mrs. V. Banks, 102 Park street, Grosvenor square, W.
Second £2—Miss Alice Smith, The Bungalow, Barnham, Bognor.
Third £1—W. Poupart, Jr., Enfield, Belmont road, Twickenham.
Class 3—Twelve bottles of British grown fruits (including four different kinds at least) bottled and shown by exhibitors who do not sell their produce, or in any way work for the trade.
Equal—First £1 10s.—G. Hobday, Haverling road, Romford, Essex.
Equal—First £1 10s.—Mrs. W. H. Plovman, 16A Chapter street, London, S. W.
Class 4—Home dried or evaporated fruits (no entries).
Class 5—Home preserved vegetables (bottled or dried). Silver-Gilt Knightian medal, Messrs. McDoddis, Sharsted Works, Kennington, S. E.
Class 6—Home-bottled vegetables (amateurs) 6 bottles, including four different kinds at least.
First 30s.—Mrs. V. Banks, 102 Park street, Grosvenor square, W.
Second 15s.—Miss A. Smith, The Bungalow, Barnham, Bognor.
Third 10s.—Miss B. Weddall, Park House, Tootingdon.
Class 7—Home tinned vegetables (open), no entries.
Class 8—Foreign bottled fruits, jams, etc., no entries.

Miscellaneous Exhibits
Silver-Gilt Knightian Medal—To Messrs. Wilkin & Sons, Limited, Tip-tree, Essex, for bottled fruits.
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CHINESE FOOT-PADS MAKE DARING HOLD-UP

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Held up by a quartet of Chinamen, none of whom he recognized because he was blinded by the pepper which one of his assailants threw into his eyes, Robert Bruce, who stays at the Queen's Hotel, was throttled and robbed of his watch and a ten-dollar bill early Sunday morning. After the Celestials had ransacked his clothing and purloined the duplicate and money, they disappeared down a nearly alley and were soon lost to view. Bruce reported the matter to the police, but so far no arrests have been made, as the victim of the hold-up was entirely unable to give any description of the four footpads, or furnish the slightest clue which would lead to their identity.

Bruce, so he informed the police, had retired to bed at the hotel on Saturday evening, but, being unable to sleep, had arisen and gone out for a stroll. He walked about for some time, finally returning to the hotel via Herald street. It was about 3 o'clock on Sunday morning when he was passing along that thoroughfare, and just as he came opposite the alley which opens out on Herald street, between Nos. 17 1/2 and 19, he noticed four Chinamen standing a few feet up the alley. He paid no particular attention to the quartet until one of them approached him, said something which he did not understand, and as he was about to proceed on his way, threw a quantity of pepper into his face. Bruce was blinded by the pepper, and, taken wholly unaware, before he could recover himself, one of the four caught him by the throat, while the others caught hold of his hands and rifled his pockets. The whole operation was completed in less time than it takes to tell it, and the four Chinamen had disappeared from sight before Bruce could recover his eyesight sufficiently to get a good look at them.

Bruce immediately went to the police station, where he told of the occurrence, and the police lost no time in searching the neighborhood for his assailants, but not a trace was found of them. When Bruce arrived at the police station his eyes were inflamed and running freely as the result of the action of the pepper.

This is by no means the first time that similar occurrences have been reported to the police. About a month ago an individual who had undertaken to see the sights of Chinatown was set upon and robbed of his watch, and several men, too drunk to defend themselves, have been held up and robbed of small amounts, the robbers having an easy time in making good their escape before the arrival of the police.

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In Woman's Realm

In devoting more space than formerly to the affairs of women, the Colonist is taking a step which it is hoped our lady friends will appreciate. Any communication from them of general interest will be welcome and carefully attended to.

HERE AND THERE

There is a good deal said sometimes about the coldness of the world, and the hardness of the heart. There are no doubt cruel men and women to be found in every community. Yet if we sit down and ask ourselves how many people of our acquaintance would deliberately and willfully injure another, we will be surprised at how few there are whom we can even suspect of such conduct.

On the other hand, when for any reason, we have been forced to throw ourselves on the charity of our fellow men or women, how seldom have we been refused the help needed or the forgiveness sought?

Well that we should sometimes recognize the love with which the majority of the hearts of our fellow beings are filled and which disposes itself in numberless acts of kindness. Everywhere in the stores little groups are consulting together as to whether this or that present will suit the person for whom it is intended. The number of young men and boys who were among the Christmas buyers was very noticeable. Children, too, were out looking for presents for fathers or mothers, brothers or sisters and their little airs of secrecy were very pretty to see.

The book stores and book counters were very popular late in the evening. One wonders sometimes whether all the good books that are sold at Christmas time are read. The volumes are not only beautifully bound but no famous English author is unrepresented, while there are many books which are usually only found in the libraries of those who have a high appreciation of the best of literature.

WOMEN'S WORK

All the Women's societies were busy yesterday preparing for Christmas. At the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital the daughters of Pitt were decorating the wards and corridors with evergreens, adding branches of holly and other berries and touches of color where they would be most effective. In the private rooms friends will surround their dear ones with such tokens of their love as they are able to give, while the stranger will not be allowed to feel the want of those little comforts and attentions which thoughtful kindness can supply.

There is to be a Christmas tree for the children, and today and tomorrow the ladies will be busy preparing it. It is hoped they will have no difficulty in getting all the materials necessary for this as well as for the decorations.

At the Protestant Orphanage this year there has been sickness, and on Christmas day the big family will have no guests. There has been one death from diphtheria and two in the patients are in the isolation hospital, while the home itself is in quarantine. The matron assures us, however, that there is no danger that Santa Claus will forget the children there. By the side of the little white beds the stockings will be hung up and there is no danger of any of them being empty in the morning. In the big school room the children will be able to spend the day playing with their toys without danger of breaking windows or damaging the furniture. It is hoped that dolls, and books, balls and tops, and other toys will be just a little more plentiful than last year to compensate the children for their loneliness, and that the big dinner tables will groan under an extra supply of all the good things boys and girls love. When everybody is quite well again the annual Christmas tree will be held as usual.

At the W. C. T. U. Mission, the men who frequent it will sit down to the dinner they have provided for themselves, and which will be prepared by the matron and her assistant. This dinner, too, is coming to be looked upon as a pleasant annual occurrence, and the big reading room will on Christmas day be filled with the unwonted sounds of cheerful conversation and pleasant laughter.

There will be a happy little dinner party at noon in the rooms of the Young Woman's Christian Association. That it is a small party is owing to the hospitality of Victorian's in whose homes most of the girls belonging to the association will spend the holiday.

The old ladies of the Home for the Aged and Infirm will not be forgotten by any of their friends, and a dinner from which no suitable delicacy will be wanting will be generously provided. No doubt, many of the inmates will be remembered individually by the friends of former days, who realize that age has special claims for kindly consideration at this season.

Kind people have remembered Mrs. Flett and those under her charge at the W. C. T. U. home, and nothing which they can provide will be wanting to make Christmas day a happy one for the inmates who are the object of loving care which is of the very spirit of the Founder of Christianity.

It was very pleasant to learn from Mrs. Turner, that though there are a great many more young women in the city than was the case some time ago, no one who is in the least worthy is idle. Many mothers of families are forced to become bread-winners, as their husbands cannot obtain employment, while housekeepers are glad of their services. The money they then get, while not equal to the wages men would earn, if they were to be had, is sufficient to keep the wolf from the door. With the change of the season, most of these men will obtain work on the land or elsewhere. In the meantime their wives are thankful to be able to support the family, however humbly.

The Friendly Help society has been as has been shown, able to relieve the wants of those whom its members knew to be in need of help.

The Christmas season will find no one in Victoria who has trusted to the kindness of their fellow men and women destitute. If, when hearts are overflowing with kindness there are any so foolish as to conceal their temporary need, it is hoped they will

no longer do so, but trust that the time has arrived, when for a season at least, men are brothers.

The programme at the W. C. T. U. mission on Saturday night was rendered by members of the Calvary Baptist church. Mr. Dismore was chairman and a pleasant time was spent listening to the songs and recitations. The following ladies and gentlemen took part:

Solo, Miss Freeman; recitation, Mr. Henderson; cornet solo, Mr. Kerton; recitation, Miss Mary Freeman; duet, Misses Englands; piano solo, Dr. Russell; duet, Misses Andrew; recitation, Mr. Henderson.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

For the last three or four seasons the custom of sending floral Christmas gifts has been steadily on the increase, and this year it bids fair to be more popular than ever before. Dealers recognize this trend and have provided many interesting novelties in plants and flowers to suit all tastes and purses.

It is usually wiser to select potted plants rather than cut flowers, as their beauty is less evanescent. It is also well to make that selection at least a week before Christmas, as the plants are less picked over, while the first orders are usually packed more carefully and given more consideration than last minute purchases.

Packing of Christmas plants, by the way, is an art in itself. If attempted by the amateur, who perhaps has been gardening all fall with a view of gift-making, each plant should be very carefully wrapped in oiled paper, then in cotton batting, and still later in several thicknesses of heavy paper—newspaper will answer, except for the outer cover. Many such a gift has been received scathed and blackened, because the donor neglected to remember the wrappings of frost.

Cut flowers should always be lightly sprinkled, covered with oiled paper, and then placed in a pasteboard box inside of a wooden one.

But, says some one, what shall we put in these boxes? That is the all-important question.

The chief thought for a Christmas flower is bright color—red usually, after that pinks, yellows and purples. Whites are also popular, though more typical of Easter.

Of reds there are quite a wide choice. First and foremost is the poinsettia, which has come to be the Christmas flower par excellence. Very brilliant and showy it is, and can be had either in pots or in great plateaux for the center of the dinner table. The former proves more satisfactory, as the flowers last longer and with proper care may be grown for several Christmases to come. A small plant with a single bloom may be bought for 75 cents ranging from that up to many dollars.

Cheaper and almost as showy and lasting, provided it can be kept in a pure atmosphere, is the Jerusalem cherry. A fine little plant can be bought for 50 cents, and a well-developed one for \$2.

Cyclamens in every shade are extremely popular Christmas plants, coming in every shade of rose, purple, pure white and white with a red eye, and at every price from 35 cents to \$2.50. The papilio or butterfly cyclamen, with a fringed eye, is particularly pretty. These plants should bloom from December to April.

Chinese primroses have the same delighted habit of staying in flower all winter, and can be bought for, from 75 cents up.

Cinerarias are likewise a good choice.

Among the bulbous plants that can be had at Christmas are freesias, paperwhite narcissi, Roman hyacinths and lilacs of the valley. These are usually sent in dainty jardiniere. To an admirer of these miniature forest trees nothing would give greater pleasure than one of the Japanese gardens, which in their little boxes, say 20 inches long by 12 inches broad, form a perfect facsimile of the famous gardens of Japan, with the trees scarcely a foot high, amid miniature rockeries, pagodas, bridges, gateways and figures. These are rather costly luxuries, ranging from \$12 to \$15.

The tall cherry laurel with its beautiful glossy leaves makes a splendid plant for a sun parlor or hall where it can be kept rather cool. A good specimen would bring \$7.50.

The most reasonable of all the non-bulbous plants are the baby evergreens or little Christmas trees, which come in all sizes, from tiny ones for the dinner table to those in large tubs. These are the spruce, Abies, Nordmanniana and cost from \$1.50 to \$6.

A feature of the present season is the jardiniere of pottery. American, and Florentine, in which many of the plants are sent out. These add greatly to the expense, but are very artistic. Much cheaper (some being as low priced as 60 cents), but very attractive, are those of birch bark, both light and dark, with rich green trimmings.

If a jardiniere is not included it is customary to conceal the pot in stiff crepe paper of some bright color that harmonizes with the plant.

There seems a peculiar fitness to the season in this giving of plants at Christmas, whether it be but a 10-cent Asparagus plumosus or a costly gardenia covered with buds forced for the season. It must, however, be confessed, the former has the decided advantage in endurance in our heated houses, which should be a prime consideration in one's choice. Aim to select plants that will thrive for at least a month or two after the holiday is past.

Semi-Precious Stones

What are technically known as semi-precious stones are very much used by even the most exclusive trade, and mounted as these are, with rims and settings of small diamonds, they frequently outshine and surpass in cost more modest specimens of the first grade jewels, such as rubies, diamonds, emeralds, sapphires, and pearls. An aqua-marine, a large, square-cut stone set in a rim of fine diamonds, was \$2,800, though this stone belongs distinctly in the "semi-precious" class.

PERSONAL MENTION

The Colonist readers are asked to assist in making this personal column as complete as possible. Send or phone items to the city editor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Conduit, who have been in the north hunting, leave today by the Northern Pacific for Los Angeles and Tampico, Mexico. From Tampico they will go to Buenos Ayres on a hunting trip.

W. A. Lendrum leaves today by the Northern Pacific on a visit to Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Stuart Yates left yesterday for Portland, Ore., to spend the Christmas holidays.

James Parsons leaves today by the North Coast Limited for Anoka, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Denham left this morning by the Princess Victoria for Vancouver to spend the Christmas holidays.

H. H. Jones has been confined to his home with injuries of a painful nature.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. S. Scholefield have left for the mainland where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

J. A. Irvine has left for the Mainland for the holidays.

Major Bognall left this morning by the Princess Victoria for Vancouver to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Myer left for Vancouver on the Princess Victoria this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bostock have gone over to the mainland for the Christmas season.

Miss Meredith, Miss White, Miss Sturgess, Miss Blackwell, Mrs. Lund, Mrs. Bourke, Miss Hanle left on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver this morning.

S. G. Faulkner, H. P. Melhuish, W. J. Watson, D. Sturges, F. Dobson, D. E. Carman, J. A. McLeod, M. Taylor, J. Hay, H. Briggs, R. S. Reid, S. S. Rankin, W. H. Dunbar, J. W. Ashley, T. W. Harris, M. Williams, C. W. Brandon, S. Stratton and E. W. Braid left on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver this morning.

B. G. Walker, of Grand Prairie, is spending the Christmas holidays with his brother P. Desnoe Walker at "The Shack," Dallas road.

Charles Grain, of the 150-Mile house, is spending the Christmas holidays in Victoria.

A. L. Dewar, who is connected with the organization of the projected "Chartered Bank of British Columbia," returned this morning to Vancouver, where he is making his headquarters. Mr. Dewar considers the prospects for the new bank very favorable.

Hon. F. L. Carter-Cotton, who spent yesterday in the city on business, returned this morning to Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Johnson McClair have taken up their residence at "Gatineau Cottage," 646 Bay street.

The Misses K. and M. McKinnon left Saturday for Seattle on a visit to their sister, Mrs. H. N. Turnbull.

FASHION HINTS

Bracelets and Bangles

There is no sign of waning in the demand for bracelets, and jewelers report that on the whole bangle forms are preferred. These may be had from pretty plain affairs to those made with square cut stones set close together and punctuated at intervals with larger jewels in contrasting tints.

Flexible bracelets revive all the old time forms, including the spiral snakes with jeweled eyes that appeal to a few women. Some made of flat squares of wrought gold, hinged ornamentally, have as a finish a very Japanese dragon's head with jeweled settings. As long as sleeves continue short there will be a demand for bracelets that can be worn pretty generally, which is as good as saying that bracelets are sure to be in style for a considerable time to come.

Carved Tortoise Shell

Carved tortoise shell and amber are the favorite materials for making up the combs that are a necessary part of every woman's coiffure equipment, and some of these surpass in attraction the more pretentious combs set with gold and stones, though many of these latter are very desirable additions to the coiffure for semi-formal wear.

ONCE UPON A TIME

My little child comes to my knee
And tugging, pleads that he may climb
Into my lap to hear me tell
The Christmas tale beloved so well.
A tale my mother told me,
Beginning "Once upon a time."

It is a tale of skies that rang
With angel rhapsodies sublime;
Of that great host, serene and white,
The shepherds saw one wintry night—
And of the glorious stars that sang
An anthem once upon a time.

This story of the hallowed years
Tells of the sacred infancy sublime
Of one who prayed alone and wept
While his wearied followers slept—
And how His blood and Mary's tears
Commingled, once upon a time.

And now my darling at my side,
And echoes of the distant chime,
Bring that sweet story back to me,
Of Bethlehem and Calvary.
And of the gentle Christ who died
For sinners once upon a time.

The mighty deeds that men have told
In ponderous tones of fluent rhyme
Like misty shadows fade away;
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the question of their use, these small watches are decidedly ornamental, with their delicate enamels and stone settings, and people who buy them can probably have other means of knowing what time it is.

Necklaces

Necklaces of odd form in wrought gold or silver set with jade, amethyst, topaz, and coral are decidedly faddish for general wear, while for more formal use dog collars of closest set stones and fine gold chains that hold artistic looking pendants, are favorites.

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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS
FOR VICTORIA SPORTS

Some of the Gifts Which Would
Be Welcomed From Santa
Claus

A few of the Christmas presents that would be gladly welcomed by local sporting gentlemen are included in the following list, which is respectfully offered for the guidance of Santa Claus when he makes his rounds to-night:

For C. G. Duncan—A Vancouver Island Football League championship to hang alongside the city title the James Bay A. A. team has annexed.

For Harry Wille—A baseball franchise in the Northwestern League, or any old league that is a league, with the requisite local financial backing.

For Percy Richardson—A Duddieigh cricket team, which can play without the aid of stimulants.

For J. G. Brown—A United Canada Football Association extending from coast to coast.

For Ed. Whyte—A few capable football referees, who will offer their services without having to be sand-bagged into acceptance of the job.

For Bill Jackson—A race meeting at the fair grounds every other week

without the draw-back of an anti-betting resolution from the city council.

For Bob Foster—A championship senior lacrosse team for Victoria and a victory for Tommy Burns, "my boy," over the big smoke Jack Johnson.

For "Giddy" Goward—A closer observance of the Sunday law in its relation to football, particularly with regard to "all-star" teams.

For Billy Moresby—A Rugby team made up entirely of Merediths.

For "Babe" Harris—An infallible system of handicapping the ponies.

For Jack Rithet—A certain golf method of holing out in three on the nineteenth hole.

For Fred Deppie—An onyx clock and a billiard championship instead of a sad memory of what might have been.

For Phil Austin—A James Bay eight for the grand challenge at Henley.

For Chief Watson—A basketball team that can toy with a ball as though it were not a length of hose.

For Jack Hart—A glimpse of the Thorpe trophy outside of the barracks.

For Lieut. Stern—An attendance at the drill hall as good as the basketball played there every Saturday night.

For Mose Doyle—An indoor athletic meet on Paardeburg Day that will eclipse anything of the kind ever held on the coast.

For Harvey Combe—A cup with which to treat his fellow-members of the Oak Bay golf team.

Ice in the Lachine canal caused the factories along that waterway to close. Eleven cars of ore have been shipped from the McKinley-Darragh mine at Cobalt.

PROFESSIONAL GOLFER
IS BEATEN BY COMBE

Victoria Club Secretary De-
feats Johnson of Seattle
in Match Play

During the visit of the Seattle golf team, which came here on Saturday to compete for the Trent cup, there was a very exciting match between Harvey Combe and Johnson, the professional attached to the Seattle Golf club. Last year Johnson had beaten Moffat, the local professional, both at Seattle and on the Victoria links, so the visiting golfers were very confident that their champion would be victorious. Mr. Combe, however, won the thirty-six-hole match by three up and two to play.

Mr. Combe had the worst of the luck all through, his opponent laying him no less than three strokes in the first eighteen-hole round, which was played in the morning. Still they were even up at the end of the first half of the play. After lunch had lured for a while still degged the local golfer, although he got a good drive at each of the first two holes, in both cases he had an unplayable lie for his second shot, with the result that Johnson started the third hole of the second round two up. After that the

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game changed and playing up with great pluck and determination. Mr. Combe not only recovered the lost ground, but found himself three up at the eleventh hole, a lead which he kept till the end. The result of the match was a great disappointment to the Seattle men, and a good deal of money is said to have changed hands on the event.

ROUGH PLAYERS BARRED.

Harry Smith and Joe Hall Out of Manitoba Hockey League.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—After several sessions the Manitoba Hockey League executive has excluded the Maple Leaf hockey club from the league and taken steps to prevent Joe Hall and Harry Smith from playing in any team in the league. Though the action of the executive in expelling Hall and Smith is not opposed by any of the clubs, the admission of the Maples as a club will be discussed at another meeting of the executive called for Christmas night at the Corona hotel, after the hockey match at the Auditorium between the Strathcona and Port William.

Will Race in February.

Melbourne, Dec. 23.—Webb states that the sculling match against Tressider for the championship of the world will be rowed on the Wanganui river in February. After preliminary practice, Webb intends to undergo two months' hard training.

SCHEDULE ARRANGED FOR RUGBY SERIES

British Columbia Union is Received at Meeting Held in Vancouver

"Lack of team play was responsible for the bad licking we received," said Secretary Billy Sweeney, of the Victoria Rugby club, on the return of the team from Vancouver on Sunday, after being trimmed 23 to 0 by the Terminal City team. "Individually we classed just as high, if not a trifle higher than the Vancouver team, but collectively we were a bunch of dummies. Vancouver had the team play down fine, while ours was very crude. In fact, it was conspicuous by its absence. It is a fault that can be remedied however. We have the material for a first class team, and if the boys will only turn out regularly to practice we can yet turn the tables on Vancouver when they come down here on January 11."

Mr. Sweeney represented the Victoria club along with W. C. Moresby at the meeting held on Saturday, when the British Columbia Rugby Union was re-organized. Saturday's game was the first of the series for the McKinnell cup. Vancouver was represented by R. P. Woodward and W. A. Churton, while Nanaimo was represented by Messrs. Dyke and Jordan. The following officers were elected:

President—J. E. Miller, Vancouver.

Vice-President—George Jay, Victoria; W. Edmunds, Nanaimo; J. S. Tait, Vancouver.

Secretary—James R. McKinnell, Nanaimo.

The following is the schedule, the teams playing home and home games with each other:

Dec. 21—Victoria at Vancouver.

Jan. 11—Vancouver at Victoria.

Jan. 18—Victoria at Nanaimo.

Feb. 1—Vancouver at Nanaimo.

Feb. 8—Nanaimo at Victoria.

Feb. 15—Nanaimo at Vancouver.

WARRING FACTIONS
PATCH UP A TRUCE

Canadian Amateur Athletic Union Agrees to Co-Operate With Federation

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 23.—At a conference Saturday night the board of governors of the C. A. A. U. adopted the following resolutions respecting the proposed arrangements for the organization of a Canadian Olympic committee and the furtherance of the objects of such a committee:

1.—In the interest of healthy and honorable athletic sports in loyal support of the mother country and the Empire, Canada should be represented at the world's Olympic games to be held in London next year.

2.—Patriotic and common sense calls for the best Canadian representatives, if any.

3.—We recommend that the C. A. A. U. and A. A. F. of Canada and other affiliated bodies not here represented work to promote such representation to the best of their ability.

4.—Each body maintains its own amateur definition, but in order to reach a basis for co-operation, it is agreed that as regards and question of amateur status the decision as to eligibility for the Olympic games shall be left to the Canadian committee.

5.—As an earnest wish of good will and desire to do the best possible for Canada in connection with the Olympic games, though without recognizing any yielding or essential principle, or committing either body beyond the date of the games, the C. A. A. U. council and A. A. F. of Canada are recommended, so far as the Olympic games are concerned, to mutually withdraw and abstain from all disqualifications, ruling and penalties against any individual or organization consequent upon differences between the two associations.

6.—It is recommended that a central committee consist of three representatives in Canada of the British Olympic committee, and such other members as they may select.

7.—As soon as possible after the C. A. A. U. and A. A. F. of Canada may have ratified this suggested agreement an essential committee shall meet for the purpose of planning the scale and methods upon which Canadian representations should be attempted and raising the necessary funds.

WORLD'S SHOOTING RECORD.

San Antonio Expert Makes Endurance Test With Targets.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 23.—Topperwein yesterday completed a test day's shooting series, during which he shot at 72,500 targets and missed nine. This breaks the world's record in several different ways, both as to the number of targets shot at and the number missed.

Mr. Topperwein closed the exhibition in whirlwind fashion, shooting at the final 6,500 targets and missing only one.

Topperwein used a 22-caliber automatic rifle and the blocks were two and one-half inches thick and were thrown into the air at a distance of twenty feet from the point where the marksman stood.

VANCOUVER TO PLAY ALL-VICTORIA TEAM

Terminal City Will Send Representative Eleven to Oak Bay Shortly

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—At a special meeting of the Vancouver District League the offer of an all-Victoria eleven to play Vancouver was accepted. Dates for the matches will be arranged within the next few days.

The Westham Island Thistle teams will meet on January 25th when the draw in the B. C. cup tie will be re-played.

The Celtics had two or three players injured in recent games and have put in a claim to the fund for injured players. This was referred to the board of trustees. A motion was put through that club secretaries must notify the league as soon as possible after a player is injured, if they wish to make a claim on the fund for injured players.

The draw for semi-final in B. C. cup to be played February 22, resulted as follows:

Westminster vs. Thistle or Westham Island.

Shamrocks vs. North Vancouver.

The draw for semi-final in Charity Cup to be played December 25 follows:

Thistles vs. Westminster; referee, Mr. Leth.

North Vancouver vs. Shamrocks; referee, Mr. Cunningham.

Following referees were appointed up to January 4:

December 25—Thistles vs. Shamrocks—Peele.

December 25—Celtics vs. North Vancouver—J. Donald.

December 25—Westminster vs. Nationals—Mr. Leth.

January 1—Nationals vs. Celtics—E. Peele.

January 1—Westminster vs. Thistles—Mr. Cavers.

January 1—North Vancouver vs. Westham Island—F. McColl.

January 4—North Vancouver vs. Shamrocks—T. J. Mahoney.

January 4—Westminster vs. Celtics—E. Peele.

January 4—Nationals vs. Westham Island—J. Welsh.

SECOND DIVISION.

January 4—Celtics vs. Shamrocks—Mr. Cavers.

AMEND JUNIOR CLAUSE

In Future, Players in Victoria Basketball League Allowed Two Senior Games

The executive of the Victoria city and district basketball league met last evening at the Y. M. C. A. and amended the clause defining junior players. So far the junior players qualify for that series on the age limit, have been given a lot of latitude and permitted to play indiscriminately in the senior and intermediate series without affecting their junior status. Hereafter they will be permitted to play but two games either senior or intermediate and then they will have to graduate to the intermediate ranks. The players have also been playing in different series with different clubs, juniors playing intermediate with another club to that in which they played junior. The league decided that players must play only with one club.

Eight ladies of Montreal have applied to join the C. P. R. wolf hunt in January.

Galt merchants complain of the present method of dispensing charity.

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FIRST INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL MATCH

RUGBY FOOTBALL ON CHRISTMAS MORNING

Victoria and Vancouver Y. M. C. A. Teams Will Clash at Drill Hall Tomorrow

Victorias and James Bays Will Meet in Last Game of the Season

Much interest attaches to the first game of the international Y. M. C. A. basketball series on Christmas night. Vancouver senior team journeys over here Wednesday to meet the local Y. M. C. A. seniors. These teams were very evenly matched last year, but the locals proved the stronger of the two. Both teams have stronger line-ups this year, and a great game is anticipated. The Fifth regiment and Y. M. C. A. intermediates will open the proceedings in the Drill Hall tomorrow night, with the Fifth regiment band in attendance to enliven things.

The local Y. M. C. A. team will have a brand new uniform this season. The uniforms arrived yesterday and will be sported for the first time tomorrow. The knickers are of white, while the jersey is a bright crimson, with three white bars across the breast and back. Underneath the bars on the breast is a white triangle, the emblem of the association. The uniform is a striking one, and the locals expect to signalize their initial appearance in them by winning.

The Vancouver team will arrive on the Princess Victoria about 6:30 o'clock tomorrow night and will be taken to the Y. M. C. A. and entertained at supper by the local team previous to the match. After feasting the victors the home team expects to have them in sufficiently good humor to take the beating that will be handed them without complaint.

PREPARING FOR BIG DAY

New Year's Will Be Celebrated in Style at the Y. M. C. A.

Physical Instructor, W. G. Findlay has prepared an extensive programme for the New Year's celebration at the association. In addition to the annual six-mile road race there will be a musical drill in the gymnasium, exhibitions of bag-punching, boxing, wrestling, bar work, horse work, tumbling and other stunts of the kind. The Y. M. C. A. will hold open house all day, refreshments will be served and an invitation is extended to all.

On Christmas morning at Oak bay, commencing at 10:30 sharp, the James Bay Athletic Association rugby team and the Victoria fifteen will again try conclusions for the fifth time this season. This game is sure to be fast and exciting, as both clubs can get out their full strength for the first time of the year. The Bays will be stronger than ever, as they have made a few changes, and are determined to wipe out their former defeats.

W. Moresby will act as referee, and will interpret the rules as they do in Vancouver, which allows the players a little more scope than Victoria players have been used to. The Victoria team was somewhat handicapped in the Vancouver game on this account, and the game tomorrow will give the players some good practice for the Stanford game.

Vancouver District Football.

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—There was a hurricane at Cambie street grounds on Saturday afternoon when the Shamrocks licked the Nationals by nine to nil. The feature of the match was the shooting of Huron who found the net no fewer than seven times. His shots always had sting and Hartley found them too difficult to do anything with. Jones, his partner, fed him beautifully and the combination of these two men was delightful. The Nationals had quite a section of the play, and at times worked well, but something always went wrong at the critical moment and the shooting was also weak.

On the Powell street grounds, the Thistles had an easy task with New Westminster Rovers, winning by six goals to nil.

The closest game of the day was played at Breckton Point between the Vancouver Athletic club and Celtic second division teams, the latter winning by two to nil. The game was hard and the V. A. C. almost pulled it out of the fire.

A Queensland despatch says the liner Atlantic on Saturday evening, passing Bowhead signaled that she had spoken the British steamer William Cliff, from New Orleans for Liverpool, on Dec. 19, towing the steamer Cambrian to Queenstown.

On the Waterfront

CASTOR'S FIGHT WITH ELEMENTS

British Bark Reaches Esquimalt in Crippled Condition for Repairs

STRUGGLES WITH STORMS

Battered Since She Was Driven From Columbia Bar More Than Month Ago

The British bark Castor of Dundee, Captain Vance, which left Valparaiso September 20, for Portland to load wheat was towed into Esquimalt yesterday in distress with decks and masts sprung, spars and rigging injured, sails blown away, and Alex. McLaren, an able seaman, severely injured by a five-ton tank taking charge and rolling him into the hold. Bound to the Columbia river, the Castor arrived off the bar November 16 with other sailing vessels, two of which were towed in. The pilot schooner which put men on those vessels was signalled by the Castor but did not answer. For 36 days since the bark has been battered about, driving before hurricane winds, and the crew, until she seemed as if to roll over her spars in great confused seas, and once on December 12 during a fierce gale which sprung several spars, and tore away the topsails from the bolt blocks, she was almost in collision with the French bark, before the morning after day in storm after storm, the Castor was worked backward and forward from the Columbia river bar, once being close on a lee shore off Cape Disappointment—aptly named in the case of the Castor. Each time she was rescued in toward the breaking bar, there was no tug, no pilot boat, nothing but the surging waves breaking at the bar, and each time she again had to stand to sea. Finally, with canvas ribbed, spars and deck sprung, and the crew disheartened, the bark stood north driven before the southeastern gales toward Vancouver island coast, where after standing off for eight days she was worked into the straits on Sunday morning and brought to Esquimalt by the tug Pioneer.

Fifty-four days from Valparaiso the Castor sailed in toward the lightship off the Columbia at the night of November 15, and Second Mate O'Connell hailed the lightship. There was a strong breeze coming on, but the weather was then fine. Two tugs came off the bar in the morning and took the bark toward the lightship, the weather being thick and hazy. The British ship Miltonburn was there, so close that her name could be read. The pilot schooner had come out to her and the Castor again signalled, but as soon as the pilot was on the Miltonburn the Joseph Pulitzer dropped her flag and stood off toward the river. The Castor was obliged to stand off again, and that afternoon drove before a southeast gale. The wind blew hard, shifting toward night to the southwest and all November 20 the gale continued the rolling in a heavy sea, and the following day the bark stood in seeking to make her way across the bar, but again was driven away.

Day after day, sometimes with the far away blue haze of Cape Disappointment faintly seen beyond the dull grey skyline, the vessel was kept in the vicinity of the Columbia river, and then on the night of December 7 came a terrific hurricane, the wind reaching a velocity of 90 miles an hour. The vessel drove away before the storm, seas seudding over her as she rolled from beam to beam. Then, with ropes and rigging toward the rigging went, and at risk, preventive tactics were tried; then the fore topsail yard broke, the block carried away and the band sunk into the yard, the main cross stays were sprung, and backstays and main back stays carried away. The rigging poles, with only the tatters of the wreck sails fluttering, rolled in a great arc, and amid

after night of buffeting, morning of December 8 brought a calm, more disastrous to the vessel than the storm. There was not a breath of wind, but a heavy confused sea ran very high, rolling the bark from side to side. It seemed as though she must roll the spars and rigging toward the rigging went, and at risk, preventive tactics were tried; then the fore topsail yard broke, the block carried away and the band sunk into the yard, the main cross stays were sprung, and backstays and main back stays carried away. The rigging poles, with only the tatters of the wreck sails fluttering, rolled in a great arc, and amid

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Tatoosh Island, Dec. 22, 10.40 a.m.—Cloudy, southwest wind, 24 miles an hour. Inward, the steamer Bessie Dollar, 8.15 a.m.; schooner Forester, 10 a.m.; the steamer Sakkarap, 10 a.m.; the schooner F. S. Redfield, 10.15 a.m.; rain and hail, south wind, 20 miles an hour. Bound out, steamer Melville Dollar, 11 a.m.; steam schooner Schuyak.

Callam Bay, 8 a.m.—Anchored, the schooners, Callam, W. P. Jewett, Melrose, In, schooner Forester, towing, 1.30 p.m.

Port Crescent—In, a three-masted schooner, 9 a.m.; white steam schooner, with orange stack, 9.20 a.m.

Tatoosh, Dec. 23, 8 a.m.—Rain, wind east, 20 miles an hour. Callam Bay, 8 a.m.—Anchored, schooner, Callam, W. P. Jewett, Melrose.

Tatoosh, 10 a.m. (By wireless)—Rain, wind southeast, 20 miles, barometer 29.78, temperature 42. No shipping.

Carmanah, 9 a.m.—Moderate east wind, heavy rain, heavy southwest swell. No shipping. Cape Beale, 9 a.m.—Light, southerly wind, rain, little sea. No shipping.

Tatoosh, noon—Rain, wind east, 64 miles an hour. No later reports were received, all wires being down.

the swaying in the trough of the seas, with seas sweeping inboard and sweeping along the decks, the watch reported that the 400 gallon reserve water tank lashed in the 'twon decks had broken from its lashings and begun to roll. Second Mate McConnell, and his watch went to secure the rolling tank which had taken charge as the bark rolled, smashing free the stanchions, and while attempting to make it fast Alexander McLaren was knocked into the hold, his forehead being severely cut. As he lay in the hold the tank, weighing five tons, fell down, striking his outstretched hand and crushing it. Messmates picked up the injured man, while the tank was secured, too late to save the water it held. Thence rainwater was used—and there was no scarcity of it.

The weather cleared next day and some canvas was made on the vessel in the attempt to work her back to Portland. On December 10 she again appeared off the bar, but nothing was sighted, and she stood out again. For two days adverse winds kept out and December 12 the Castor was again worked toward the bar, when a hurricane was encountered. The sail was cut away, and the vessel was driven under bare poles. At 10 p.m. during that gale while the Castor was rolled down in the trough of a great sea the collision with the French bark Buffon almost took place. The Frenchman was seen about the Castor high on the water, and the bark was driven across the Castor's bow. The lights flickered dim in the haze of the driving gale, and the roar of wind, rattle of rigging and chafing spars made it impossible to hear any hail from either vessel, though both were within easy speaking distance.

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WRECKAGE IS FOUND.

Flotsam From Steamer San Mateo Reaches Oregon Coast.

Special despatches to the Portland Oregonian from Bay City, Oregon, state that wreckage consisting of a cabin and flotsam, including a life-preserver marked "San Mateo" and "P. L. Co.," has been coming ashore for the past few days. Bay City is on Tillamook bay.

While en route to San Francisco from Tacoma last week the San Mateo was in a continuous gale, arriving safely with her deck fittings washed away and some minor damage done.

STEAMER VADSO HAS UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

While Ballast Tanks Were Being Tested Wind Listed Her Against Wharf

The steamer Vadso, recently registered at this port by the Boscowitz Steamship company, which is lying at Spratt's wharf, being made ready to run to Naas, Skidegate, Ikeda bay and northern British Columbia ports, was heeled over in the gale of yesterday afternoon, listed about thirty degrees and laid over on the wharf. It seems that the ballast tanks were being tested, they having been scaled in preparation for the steamer's work, and there was not much water in the deep tank. There was water in the midship trimming tanks and under ordinary circumstances the steamer's equilibrium would have been maintained, but with the heavy squall striking her amidships on the starboard side the vessel went over until she leaned on the wharf, her deck tilted to an angle of thirty degrees. The vessel was not under steam and hand pumps were brought and the tanks adjusted, the vessel being righted later in the evening.

During the blow a scow containing an acid tank which the steam launch of the Victoria Chemical Works was endeavoring to take from Mud Bay to the factory wharf across the harbor, had a narrow escape from being driven onto the rocks at Hospital Point. From 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. the launch held on fighting her way in the face of the wind, but she made little headway, almost none, and at 5 p.m. the tug Pilot which came in from the outer wharf, where she had been loading rails for Union Bay, went over and put a line on the scow which was then brought to a place of safety in the inner harbor. The Vadso did not suffer at all by the incident, and will sail on her schedule date, December 30, for the north, making a special trip to Skidegate and Ikeda bay on the Queen Charlotte islands. For the first port of call she will carry a dozen head of cattle.

MONTARA'S ROUGH TRIP

Collier Damaged by Heavy Weather Encountered Between Sound and San Francisco

The steamer Montana, which took a cargo of grain for Tacoma for San Francisco, has arrived at the Bay City, after having weathered heavy storms all the way. The collier reached port in a battered condition. While off Cape Blanco December 19 the Montana met with a succession of south and southeast gales which whipped up a mountainous sea. The steamer plowed her way slowly for miles while huge waves swept her from stern to stern.

Everything portable on the decks was carried away. The bridge on the starboard side was battered into a shapeless mass, while the bulwarks were badly stove in at several places.

ALBION TO RUN FROM PORT ANGELES

Steamer Bought to Make Semi-Weekly Trips From Port Angeles to Victoria

The steamer Albion, recently purchased by the Angeles Brewing and Malting company, arrived in port on Sunday, having made the run from Seattle in eight hours, says the Port Angeles Tribune. The Albion's capacity is about 200 tons. She will ply between Port Angeles and up-sound ports, making semi-weekly trips to Victoria. The freight carrying capacity of the little steamer is being increased. It is the intention of the company to carry their own product, and to transport a general carrying business as well, at reasonable rates.

The Albion is a small steamer built at Coupeville, Wash., in 1899, and is of 37 tons net, 149 tons gross register. She is 94.2 feet long, 19.6 beam and 4.9 feet deep. The vessel was owned by the Merchants' Transportation company of Port Townsend.

STORM INTERFERES

Crew Do Not Attempt to Bring the Banfield Lifeboat From Sidney to Victoria

The Banfield creek lifeboat did not reach port yesterday as was expected. Owing to the heavy gale blowing, it was considered inadvisable to launch the boat, which cost \$10,000, from the transfer barge. The work of launching will probably be accomplished today, and she will be brought to Victoria by Capt. Gillen, who went to Sidney on Sunday, accompanied by several of his life-saving crew, who will go with him when the boat is taken to Banfield creek.

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TWO ORIENT LINERS LEAVE PORT TODAY

R. M. S. Empress of Japan and Shinano Maru Sail for Far East—Tango Maru Due

The R. M. S. Empress of Japan is to leave Vancouver at noon today, and will sail this evening for the Orient. She will have a cargo of about 1,800 tons and a large throng of Chinese passengers. As usual on the steamer prior to the sailing of the white liner, the banks were filled with Chinese yesterday buying drafts on Hongkong and Canton; many to pay for goods ordered for the local Chinese stores. The steamer Shinano Maru, which is loading a large cargo at Seaside, will also sail today, and like the C. P. R. liner, will have a full cargo. Many Chinese are going to South China for the New Year festivities, two months hence.

The steamer Tango Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, is due tomorrow from the Orient. She has 116 passengers for this port and will disengage tons of general freight here. The steamer Gyokko of the Blue Funnel line is following the Japanese liner and is expected in port on Saturday.

WORK WAS FUTILE

Swell Washed Away Foundations Laid at Lewis Rock by Crew of the Steamer Cascade

The steamer Cascade, one of the fleet under charter to the marine department, has returned to port after an unsuccessful attempt to build a foundation for a beacon at Lewis rock, off Oak bay, where the steamer Princess Victoria grounded a year ago last month on her way from Vancouver. The work was carried out only at low water during the spells of good weather. Most of the work was done by night. The current hardly had time to set before the swell swept it away. Another attempt will be made to build the foundation.

The steamer Maude, also chartered by the marine department, has returned after securing the Sandheads lightship. The lightship, which was formerly the sealing schooner Mermaid, broke adrift from her moorings in a recent gale and Capt. O'Brien sailed her to Steveston. The Maude recovered about sixty fathoms of 160 fathoms of cable lost when the vessel broke adrift.

TELLS EXCITING TALES OF ADVENTURE AT SEA

Chief Officer Flynn, of the Onfa, Has Had Some Interesting Experiences

Chief Officer George A. Flynn, of the big Blue Funnel line steamer Onfa, which is to sail tomorrow for Liverpool via the Orient, is well known on Puget Sound waters, having run to Victoria long years ago on the old steamer Eliza Anderson, whose name he may have seen at the B. & N. wharf. Capt. Flynn now lives at Liverpool, when he is at home, with his wife and daughter. His father, Capt. Flynn, a retired shipmaster, has lived in Seattle for a number of years, and Chief Officer Flynn always has a pleasant visit with his parents when he comes to the Sound. He was born at sea, off Cape of Good Hope, and has been at sea most of his life. Mr. Flynn has been here before as mate of the Blue Funnel liner Peleus and was transferred to the Onfa from the Menelaus, of the same line. Mr. Flynn is known as one of the best officers of the big fleet, and what he doesn't know about seamanship or handling of cargo, isn't in the book.

While mate of the British bark Balmoral, Mr. Flynn almost lost his life when the Balmoral collided with the British bark Gleniericht, off Cape Horn, August 20, 1898.

Both ships were under storm sails in a heavy gale, accompanied by frequent snow squalls. Both were outward bound, the Balmoral from Wales to San Francisco. At 5 a.m. on the eventful day, when it was so thick nothing could be seen, the two big packers on different tacks, were in collision.

Mr. Flynn was asleep at the time, but was awakened by the crash. Falling yards crashed through the Balmoral's cabin as the two ships writhed and struggled in the raging sea. Rushing on deck, the mate, with every other man aboard, though the Balmoral was sinking, Mr. Flynn clambered over the Balmoral's loop, thinking to leap to the Gleniericht. The latter's rail was carried away and, as he was ready to catch hold of something on the Gleniericht, the ships separated and Mr. Flynn was left overhanging the boiling sea, holding to the Balmoral's rail with one hand.

Although believing that all were lost, Mr. Flynn ordered his fear-stricken crew to stand by, but only one of the crowd was calm enough to be of any assistance.

With her rigging seriously crippled, her topmasts carried away and her upper yards lying about the deck, the Balmoral was in a serious plight. The Gleniericht disappeared and later it was learned that she put into Montevideo for repairs. Captain Davis, of the latter vessel, lost his wife, whom he had ordered to leave the Balmoral, thinking his ship was sinking. The unfortunate woman was plunged into the sea as the ships separated. Most of the Gleniericht's crew had jumped to the Balmoral and Mate Flynn found about forty sailors aboard.

After the storm moderated, a week of splendid calm weather ensued during which every man was kept busy making repairs. Finally the Balmoral was in shape to set sail and she made a splendid run up to San Francisco, having made the passage out in 137 days, notwithstanding her narrow escape and the damage she sustained.

Second Mate McHutchon is the man who got out the Onfa's lifeboat at Yokohama last June and rescued a Japanese cook who attempted to escape by swimming ashore. It was at 4 a.m. but Mr. McHutchon aroused a crew of Chinese sailors, swung the boat and launched it in twelve minutes. The Japanese was being returned to his native country on the charge of having stowed away three Japanese girls who attempted to smuggle themselves into this country last May. Mr. McHutchon had been at sea only seven years when at the age of 24 he was made master of the British ship Barcore, well known at Tacoma. Prior to this he was mate of the British ship Rajore, now at Astoria repairing. Six years ago while in the Rajore he had an exciting experience

one day off San Francisco. Relating this incident to a friend the other day he said:

"We were bound to San Francisco and were only 150 miles off that port in a raging northwest gale. We were under the six topsails and foresail and I was putting out my anchors, preparing to enter the port. The best sailor I had was over the cathead putting on a ring lashing when the ship dipped her nose into a terrific sea and washed the man away."

"I tried to save the poor fellow but barely touched him as he went over. I sung out to the captain who threw a life buoy within a yard of the man who failed to seize it. He seemed to go right down, having on his boots and oilskins."

"The ship was at once brought up into the wind and as this was done the foresail and three upper topsails blew away. We got out our port life-boat and of the five apprentices who volunteered to form the rescue crew, we selected three in addition to two able seamen. One boy was sent to the mizzen cross trees to keep a lookout. "It was a terrific sea and the boys had a hard pull against it, the apprentices doing all the work, the two sailors showing themselves no good. We got clear of the ship without injury and when 150 yards away we lost sight of her, as frequent hail squalls were passing. We cruised about in that awful sea for nearly two hours and never got a glimpse of the missing man. We picked up the life buoy and as it was growing dark and we could do no more, put back to the ship, arriving in safety after a hard pull. The next afternoon we were lying peacefully at anchor, inside the Golden Gate."

DAMAGED BARK WILL BE REPAIRED HERE

Overlooker for Owners Expected Today—Astoria Pilots Entirely Ignored Castor

The bark Castor will be repaired at Esquimalt. Capt. Campbell, overlooker for the owners, G. Gordon & Co. of Glasgow, is expected to arrive this afternoon from Portland to assist in surveying the vessel, of which he was formerly master. The charter of the bark to load wheat at Portland for the United Kingdom or a Continental port expires at the end of this month, the charterers having the option of continuing it at that time. To save the charter it would be necessary to bring the Castor to Portland without any delay, but it is understood that arrangements will be made at once for the necessary repairs. The decks of the vessel, a steel bark built by Ramage & Ferguson at Leith in 1886, are sprung, the masts are sprung, spars and rigging damaged, many sails carried away, and much repair is necessary to make her seaworthy.

Capt. Vance of the Castor, who is well known in Victoria, having been here previously with the Castor, which took a cargo of lumber from Vancouver to the west coast of South America, said yesterday he could not understand why the pilots from Astoria had not reported him. He said: "I see we were about given up as lost and Mr. Welliver, the weather observer at North Head, said he had been the only person who saw our signals. Why I tried to get the pilots to board me five times, and three times was within hailing distance of their schooner, but they did not come near the Castor. The third time when we were in company with the Miltonburn the pilot was put aboard that vessel and a tug took her in while no notice whatever was taken of us."

The experience of the Castor recalls that of the British bark Iverna, which was driven away from the mouth of the Columbia river last winter. The Iverna came from Acapulco in ballast and after being sighted off the Columbia was driven off by a heavy storm and after over a month of heavy weather the vessel was wrecked and the crew of the southern port she finally reached Astoria 116 days from her sailing port, the provisions being reduced to small rations for all on board. The United States revenue cutter Thetis was despatched to look for the missing vessel, and arrived at Astoria the day before the bark showed up, reporting non-success in her search.

The underwriters had reinsured the Castor at ten per cent being anxious regarding the vessel to that extent, it was feared in marine circles along the coast that the vessel had suffered a similar fate to the Andra Bertha, Capt. Wrath, and Cadzow Forest. The latter vessel arrived off Astoria some few years ago from South America and was reported by the lookout, similarly as the Castor. Thereafter no word of the vessel was received and after several months of vain enquiry she was posted as missing at Lloyd's. A similar fate befel the Andra six years ago. The vessel arrived off the Columbia from South America, embarked Capt. Cordner, an Astoria pilot. She was not seen again, nor was any wreckage that could be identified from this or any of the other vessels which have disappeared after being sighted off the Columbia river ever found.

Provisions were quite low on board the Castor when she made port, food being the only staple left.

The steamer Venture of the Boscowitz Steamship company, reached Vancouver yesterday from Naas and way ports, and is expected in port this morning.

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MR. LEMIEUX SPEAKS AT TOKIO BANQUET

Discusses Question of Canadian-Japanese Relations at Some Length

Advices from Yokohama in yesterday's mails from Japan give the text of the speech made by Hon. Mr. Lemieux, and members of the Canadian banquet given at the Peer's club at Tokio in his honor and that of Mrs. Lemieux, and members of the Canadian party by Baron Shibusawa, Mayor Ozaki and B. Nakano. Hon. Mr. Lemieux in reply to the toast coupled with his name spoke as follows:

Monsieur le Baron, Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen—Let me express my deep gratitude to you, Mr. Mayor, and to the citizens of Tokio for your warm and hearty welcome. Far be it from my mind to accept for myself the honor you have been kind enough to bestow upon me. Your desire, I know fully well, is to do honor to my native land, to Canada, which it is my good fortune to represent on this occasion as Special Envoy to Japan.

It is in that spirit that I accept your greetings, and that from the bottom of my heart I return you my most sincere thanks. Much as I admire your picturesque country and the grandeur of its scenery, there is one thing which the traveler who comes to Japan must place above all others, it is the exceedingly great politeness and the unfailing courtesy of your people. As long as I live, I will recollect with pride that since my landing in Yokohama, I have received from the highest and the humblest such hospitality and attention as can never be too highly appreciated. Speaking officially, I again offer on behalf of the Canadian people my thanks to their Imperial Majesties, to the Cabinet Ministers and to the citizens of Tokio.

Prince Fushimi's Visit

Not long ago, we in Canada had the honor of greeting his imperial highness Prince Fushimi. His tour across our country, upon his return from Great Britain did not fail to impress our people with the rise of modern Japan and the rank she has taken of late years among the great powers of the world. It created, so to speak, a new link, a new bond of friendship between Japan and her ally, Great Britain, our mother country. It also reminded the world that Canada, the most important colony of the British Empire, was the shortest and most available route between the Orient and the Occident, and that from a purely commercial point of view, aside from all Imperial considerations, the two countries had many common interests and mutual obligations.

The Osaka exhibition, where a few years ago, Japan made such fine display of her industrial potentialities and to the success of which Canada so heartily co-operated, was practically the first step in our commercial intercourse. The treaty by which we have adhered since, was the natural sequence of the desire then expressed of developing closer relations between the two countries. Trade, when carried on in a spirit of fairness, tends not only to enhance the value of products which two countries can exchange, and secure legitimate profits of a mere pecuniary character, but it also tends to create friendships which in the higher sense of human brotherhood must benefit both.

We all know, of course, that perfection is unattainable in this world. Therefore, even as between the best of friends there may at times arise some differences of opinion. A little friction may occur but common sense, which is founded on wisdom will eventually show that it is not insuperable. Experience teaches that statesmanship will always solve what at first sight appears to be the most difficult of problems, provided good faith, reasonableness, and mutual confidence are relied upon. One of the greatest of modern diplomats, once said "Il n'y a pas des questions insolubles—il n'y a que des questions mal posées." A policy of conciliation can surely find a convenient compromise which will gradually efface all misunderstandings, thereby rallying all men of good will. Freedom with order and unalterable respect for law, together with indelible respect for the rights of others, is of the very essence of ideal justice.

Canadian-Japanese Relations

That there should exist between Canada and Japan relations of the most friendly nature is quite obvious. Under the guidance of His Majesty the Emperor, Japan has given herself a constitution which in many respects is similar to the British constitution—that everlasting model of human wisdom—upon which the Canadian system of government is based. Japan, with admirable alacrity, has not only adapted herself to our modern standards, but in her amazing rise has been able to reveal to the world the treasures of an ancient civilization which as regards art alone, has yet to be surpassed. Her army and navy have, on more than one occasion, been put to severe tests and achieved the results we know. Her laws have been compiled from the most renowned Digests, whilst the administration of justice has the similar lofty characteristics as the western nations. The universities and schools of the empire would be a credit to any country. Indeed, education seems to be the watchword of the Japanese government. Who has not admired His Majesty's speech on education, read on all holidays?

"Do you, our subjects, be filial to

your parents, kind to your brothers, harmonious in your relations as husbands and wives, and faithful to your friends; let your conduct be courteous and frugal, and love others as yourselves; attend to your studies; cultivate your intellectual faculties; and practice your respective callings; cultivate your moral feelings; foster the public wealth and promote the interests of society; ever render strict obedience to the constitution and to all the laws of our empire; display your public spirit and your courage on behalf of our country whenever required"; etc.

Such noble advice given by the Emperor to the youth of this country and inculcated into all children's minds, cannot but be far-reaching in its effects, and one can understand the rise of Japan and still more easily foretell the part she is called upon to play in the twentieth century.

Canada's Century Also.

We also, in Canada, claim this century as ours. Under the aegis of the British Crown, we have built up a nation which is an extension of Great Britain herself, beyond the seas. Her friends, her allies, are ours. Her foes are also ours.

The task set before us, Canadians, is above all to cultivate the arts of peace, to develop the splendid natural resources of our vast Dominion, to find for our surplus products markets in all parts of the world—now especially that distance has practically been annihilated with the new type of fast steamers plying between one continent and another. Canadians have already firmly grasped the problem of land transportation by the construction of three trans-continental railways, and it is our intention to capture our good share of the Oriental trade. Bear in mind that Canada has certain advantages in respect to the eastern market that are not possessed by any other country. Not the least of these is the more favorable geographical relationship of the Dominion to Japan, than any other part of the western continent. The following table of distances although well known may not be uninteresting on an occasion like this, when I notice the presence of so many business men. From Vancouver to Yokohama the distance is 4,280 miles; from Seattle to Yokohama it is 4,380, whilst from San Francisco it is 5,530. Thus the difference in mileage across the Pacific ocean is altogether in favor of Canada by large distances. It must also be remembered that the shortest distance from America to Liverpool, by many hundred miles, is also the Canadian route. Such a potent factor as is rapid transportation in trade, should not be lost sight of. The keen business sense of Japanese merchants should induce them to favor the shortest and quickest route. I need not dwell upon the special products that Japan can supply our consumers with. But I know what are the unlimited resources of Canada, agricultural, mineral and industrial.

What Canada Can Supply.

To the forty-five million consumers of Japan—not to speak of Korea—Canada can sell in any quantity, oatmeal and oats, lumber and pulp, lead, copper, asbestos, aluminum, leather and hides, butter, cheese, fish, horses, cattle, canned milk, canned fruits, wool, bacon and hams, agricultural implements and machinery of all kinds. But above all, I wish to call your attention to the superior quality of our cereal products, for which the Dominion claims a national reputation. It might be interesting for the distinguished company to know that the extraordinary value possessed by Manitoba wheat is due to the fact that, in the maturing season, western Canada is favored with an average of two hours longer sunshine each day than the wheat-growing area in any other country. It is this peculiar atmospheric condition that establishes the claim, now universally acknowledged, that the Canadian product is the gold standard wheat of the world. With the appreciation of this fact by Japan I would not be surprised if, in the very near future, our cereal trade did not command the markets of the Orient. It is, however, here in Japan—where in ten years the wheat and flour imports have increased more than 800 per cent.—that eventually Canadian wheat should find a strong foothold. It is easy to see that the use of bread is becoming more common every year in Japan, and the practical and conclusive demonstration made some years ago of the superiority and relative economy of Canadian hard wheat has laid the foundation of what will in a few years become an enormous trade not only in Japan but throughout the far east generally. Some years ago, samples of our hard wheat flour were distributed at the instigation of Hon. Mr. Fisher, Minister of Agriculture of Canada, among leading Japanese manufacturers, for the purpose of having tests made alongside of the Oregon, and what is commonly known as the Pacific coast winter wheat flour. What was the result? In every case it was reported that Canadian hard wheat flour proved the best in both quality and yield. That the inferior grade should have obtained the preference in the eastern market need occasion no surprise. Our Canadian product was unknown in Asia until recently, and I presume here, as elsewhere, merchants and traders naturally follow the line of least resistance. But when the people of the east are educated on the question of the relative merits, nutritious and otherwise, of the different classes of flour, they will, I am sure, give our Pacific wheat the preference. The permanent establishment and maintenance of Canadian bakeries in Tokio and the several large cities of Japan, would, within a reasonable period, secure a profitable demand for our cereal products in this ever-increasing market.

You will pardon me if I have thus taken the liberty of advertising, so to speak, the Canadian flour to Japan. But it seems to me that the possibilities of trade between the two countries are so great that it is my duty, speaking to business men, to dwell upon them.

Growth of Trade
Prior to the year 1895, the export of Canadian products to Japan was so very insignificant that no special mention would be necessary. In the following year, the total export was but \$8,000, but since then there has been a steady increase in all lines of merchandise. The real and wholesome increase did not come, however, until after the year 1903, when as the result of the practical demonstrations made under the supervision of Hon. Mr. Fisher at the Osaka exhibition, \$140,000 worth of Canadian flour was shipped to Japan, with the result that the total export from Canada in that year amounted to the sum of \$347,000. Since 1904, we have worked up to over a half million, but the new treaty should, in the next five years or even less, double and treble that amount.

In conclusion, I venture to express the hope that the traders of Japan and Canada, will not let the golden opportunity pass. We are neighbors across the Pacific and I feel that an increasing commercial interchange between the two people would go far towards teaching them to regard each other with dispassionate criticism and appreciation. It would also strengthen that happy alliance which exists between the two Island Empires; an alliance which was hailed with universal enthusiasm throughout the British dominions, an alliance which marks the beginning of a new era for Japan—a country where, a traveler like myself, whom favoring winds has carried to her shores, has been fortunate to find that the first Englishman who visited her in 1600, old William Adams, so graphically described as "a people good of nature, courteous out of measure and valiant in war." (Loud applause.)

This address was followed by a speech from Mr. Preston, a Canadian Commissioner, who referred at length to Japan's economic condition.

There were present, Mr. Lemieux, the British Ambassador and Lady Macdonald, Mr. Preston, Mr. Pope, Mr. Verret, Mr. Boger, Count and Countess Hayashi, Baron and Baroness Chinda, Count and Countess Terajima, Mr. and Mrs. Nagasaki, Baron Sengen, Mr. Ozaki, Baron and Baroness Shibusawa, Messrs. Ishii, Soyeda, Hayakawa, Okura, Nakano and others.

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS

Steamers to Arrive.		
Vessel	From	Due
Tango Maru	From the Orient	Dec. 25
Cyclops	From the Orient	Dec. 28
Empress of China	From the Orient	Jan. 5
Tremont	From the Orient	Jan. 7
Bellerophon	From the Orient	Jan. 9
From Australia.		
Mlowera	From Australia	Jan. 15
Oriana	From Australia	Jan. 20
From Mexico.		
Lonsdale	From Mexico	Jan. 15
Germanicus	From Mexico	Dec. 26
Princess Ena, sailed	From Liverpool	Oct. 31
(Arrived Montevideo Dec. 3.)		
Cyclops, sailed	From Liverpool	Oct. 12
Bellerophon, sailed	From Liverpool	Nov. 2
Ning Chow	From Skagway	Dec. 5
From Skagway.		
Princess May	From Skagway	Jan. 4
Northern British Columbia Ports		
Queen City	From Northern B.C.	Dec. 20
Canosun (Saunders)	From Northern B.C.	Dec. 20
Centure	From Northern B.C.	Dec. 21
Princess Beatrice	From Northern B.C.	Dec. 25
From West Coast.		
Anhur	From West Coast	Dec. 28
From San Francisco.		
Governor	From San Francisco	Dec. 25
President	From San Francisco	Dec. 20
City of Puebla	From San Francisco	Jan. 4
Governor	From San Francisco	Jan. 9
Sailing Vessels.		
Vessel	Left	Date
Loudon Hill, Liverpool	Left	May 24
(put into Capetown leaving Aug. 17).		
W. F. Babcock, Newcastle	Left	Oct. 15
Jas. Neswilt, Newcastle	Left	Oct. 15
Alta	Left	Newcastle
Seestern, Callao	Left	Sept. 7
Hillston, Cardiff	Left	Sept. 7
Inverloch, Honolulu	Left	Sept. 7
Strathgyle, Callao	Left	Sept. 7
Schwarzenbek, Callao	Left	Nov. 16
Cian Galbraith, Santa Rosalia	Left	Nov. 16
Steamers to Sail.		
Vessel	For	Date
Empress of Japan	For the Orient	Dec. 21
Shinano Maru	For the Orient	Dec. 24
For Australia.		
Moana	For Australia	Jan. 3
For Mexico.		
Georgia	For Mexico	Dec. 31
For Skagway.		
Princess May	For Skagway	Dec. 25
For Northern British Columbia Ports		
Princess Beatrice	For Northern B.C.	Jan. 1
Vadso	For Northern B.C.	Dec. 26
Canosun	For Northern B.C.	Dec. 20
Queen City	For Northern B.C.	Dec. 25
For West Coast.		
Tees	For West Coast	Jan. 1
For San Francisco.		
City of Puebla	For San Francisco	Dec. 26
Governor	For San Francisco	Dec. 31
President	For San Francisco	Jan. 5
City of Puebla	For San Francisco	Jan. 10

Local Steamers		
Vancouver-Victoria		
Princess Victoria.		
Leaves Vancouver 1:30 p. m. daily.		
Leaves Victoria 11 a. m. daily.		
Arrives Victoria 6:30 p. m. daily.		
Arrives Vancouver 8 a. m. daily.		
Victoria-Seattie.		
Princess Royal.		
Leaves Victoria 8:30 a. m. daily, except Monday.		
Leaves Seattle 11:30 p. m. daily, except Monday.		
Arrives Seattle 2:30 p. m. daily, except Monday.		
Arrives Victoria 7 a. m. daily, except Tuesday.		
Chippewa.		
Leaves Victoria daily except Thursdays, 4:30 p. m.		
Arrives daily except Thursdays 1:30 p. m.		
Victoria-New Westminster		
R. P. Rithet		
Leaves Victoria Tuesday and Friday.		
Leaves Westminister Wednesday and Saturday.		
Upper Fraser River		
Beaver		
Leaves New Westminster 5 a. m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday.		
Leaves Chilliwack 7 a. m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday. Calling at landings between New Westminster and Chilliwack.		
Lower Fraser River		
Transfer		
Leaves New Westminster Monday Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and Saturday 2 p. m. Additional trip Monday 5 a. m.		
Leaves Steveston, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, a. m.; Friday 6 a. m. Additional trip Saturday 5 p. m.		
Vancouver-Nanaimo (E. & N. Ry.)		
Joan		
Leaves Nanaimo 7 a. m.		
Leaves Vancouver 1:30 p. m. daily except Sunday.		
Victoria-Nanaimo.		
Nanaimo-Comox-Union (E. & N. Ry.)		
City of Nanaimo.		
Leaves Victoria Tuesday 7 a. m. Arrives Nanaimo Tuesday 4 p. m.		
Leaves Nanaimo Saturday 2 p. m. Arrives Victoria Saturday 9 p. m.		
Leaves Nanaimo Wednesday 7 a. m. Arrives Union Bay and Comox Wednesday 2 p. m.		
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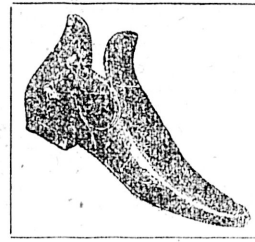
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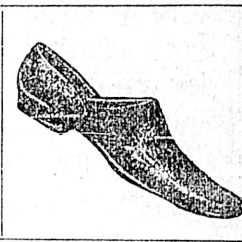
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Mainland News

PROGRESS MADE ON KETTLE RIVER LINE

Company Also Making Preparations for Connection With Spokane

"The Spokane & British Columbia railroad will come into Spokane over its own lines. No arrangement has been made with the Graves people or with any other railroad interests for the use of their line into the city, or the use of their terminals."

The above statement was made to the Spokesman Review by W. T. Beck, president of the Spokane & British Columbia railroad, which has secured a right of way from Republic practically to the city limits of Spokane. Mr. Beck lives in Republic, where the headquarters of the railroad are.

He refused to say whether the recent buying on Front avenue is for terminals for his line, but said he has terminal ground in view.

"Work on the construction of our line up the North Fork of the Kettle river as far as Lynch creek is just being completed," said Mr. Beck, "but we will not put the line in operation until some legal matters are satisfactorily arranged. For equipment we will use the rolling stock now in service on our line between Republic and Grand Forks. We have several locomotives and passenger and freight cars. We run a train each way between Republic and Grand Forks every day."

"It is the intention to build the North Fork branch as far as Franklin camp, which is developing into one of the best mining camps in British Columbia. Our extension from Republic to Spokane is tied up pending the settlement with the Great Northern over the right of way down the San Poil river through the Colville Indian reservation."

Mr. Beck declined to name the backers of his railroad further than to say that eastern capital is behind it. He would not say whether the Spokane extension had been financed.

The Spokane & British Columbia railroad, or the Kettle Valley, or "Hot Air line," as it is variously called, has been operating 40 miles of road between Grand Forks, B. C., and Republic, Wash., for several years. It is proposed to extend the line from Republic down the San Poil river to the Columbia, thence up the Columbia to the mouth of the Spokane, which river is followed into Spokane. This extension will be 145 miles long, which, together with the Republic-Grand Forks line and the North Fork branch, will make a system about 250 miles long, which will be a standard gauge steam road.

The company was granted a right of way across the Colville reservation down the San Poil under the general act of congress in 1899, and about a year ago it let the contract for the construction of 15 miles between Republic and the north border of the reservation.

ervation. About the same time the Great Northern began construction on a similar line, claiming the right of way by reason of a grant made by a special act of congress in 1898. The Spokane & British Columbia line got a temporary injunction against the Great Northern, stopping its work, and the Great Northern in turn got a temporary injunction against the Spokane & British Columbia. The matter was thrashed out in the superior court of Ferry county, Judge Carey, making permanent the injunction against the Great Northern, which carried the case to the state supreme court, where it is still in abeyance, having been argued only a few days ago.

MILITARY INSTRUCTION

School for Infantry Training to Be Held in Vancouver During Next Month

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—A school of instruction in infantry training will commence at the drill hall on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1908. The class is open to officers, noncommissioned officers and an unlimited number of men, and will be under the direction of Adj. Capt. J. H. D. Hume, Sergt. Major H. Heritage will instruct. The course, which will be several weeks in duration will be very interesting, embracing a varied list of subjects.

Squad, company and battalion drills, skirmishing, and ceremonial drills, both theoretical and practical. Outpost duty, rifle exercises, interior ecology will be taken up, and several lectures on matter of interest to soldiers will be interspersed to provide a little variety. Every man who takes the course will, after the class has been under instruction a short time, be required to drill his comrades in that particular section of training they have been taught so that one by one they will be exercised in the power to command, and imparting their knowledge to others.

At the close of the school an examination will be held, and certificates awarded to those who qualify. It will be compulsory for all noncommissioned officers who have been appointed provisionally to take the course, and qualify. Provisionally appointed sergeants or corporals who do not qualify will simply have to give way to those who do, while privates who obtain certificates entitling them to any noncommissioned rank, will be in line for promotion as vacancies may occur in their companies. Under the new efficiency pay regulations, the militia department issues extra efficiency pay to sergeants and corporals, conditionally upon their having certificates for the ranks they hold.

Okanagan Winter Fruit.

H. P. Lee brought in last night a large bunch of wild strawberries which he had picked on his ranch, "Interlaken," which lies at the neck of land now separating Wood and Long lakes. This is a practical proof of the excellence of the Okanagan climate which needs no elaboration.—Vernon Okanagan.

CONTRACT COMPANY OBLIGED TO SUSPEND

Builders of Part of V. V. & E. Line Get Attention From the Sheriff

New Westminster, Dec. 23.—The British Columbia General Contract company, which has been building part of the V. V. & E. line between this city and Blaine, has been compelled to suspend operations, all the goods and chattels belonging to it having been seized under a chattel mortgage held by the Canadian Bank of Commerce. On Saturday afternoon, Deputy Sheriff Sewell affixed notices to the doors of all warehouses containing goods belonging to the company at Abbotsford, Cloverdale and other points and also visited the different construction camps, and informed the men that the company would be in the hands of a receiver in the course of a day or so.

The liabilities of the company are said to be in the neighborhood of \$250,000 while assets will be considerably below this. The failure of the company had been expected for several days, but nothing definite was known until Saturday, when the action of the sheriff set all doubts at rest.

Part of the V. V. & E. road lying between Cloverdale and Blaine will be built by the Puget Sound and British Columbia Contracting company, which may also contract to complete the work commenced by the British Columbia Contracting company.

Prospector's Suicide.

Grand Forks, Dec. 23.—Dick Winchester, a prospector at Bannock City, twelve miles from here on the North Fork of Kettle river, has committed suicide by hanging himself in his cabin. His body was found hanging from a rafter by a short rope about his neck, while his toes touched the floor. Coroner Kingston did not consider an inquest necessary. Prior to his taking his life the dead man had been drinking heavily. His body was first discovered by his old friend John Anderson. This terrible tragedy has cast a gloom over Bannock City and the vicinity, as the dead man had many friends among the prospectors.

MINERS REFUSE

Proposition of Granby Company to Reopen With Lower Wage Scale is Rejected

Phoenix, B.C., Dec. 23.—The news has been made public that on the referendum vote taken Wednesday evening by members of the Phoenix Miners' union and Grand Forks Smeltermen's union the reduced wage scale offered by the Granby Consolidated was turned down by a joint majority of forty-seven votes in the two unions. Asked for details of the votes of the two unions, which were taken separately, but on the same night, the union officials declined to give out any further figures at this time.

At the meeting of the Phoenix union there were present from 300 to 400 men, and probably more than 600 at the two meetings. The Granby mines and smelter, the largest copper producer in British Columbia or Canada, have been closed about seven weeks, but the management recently offered to resume operations at both plants on a reduced scale similar to that in force here a year ago, the new basis being \$3.50 per day for miners and \$3 per day for common labor at the mines.

No announcement has been made what the company will do further in the matter.

VANCOUVER ELECTIONS

Keen Contests Expected for All Civic Offices Except the Mayoralty

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—The coming municipal campaign bids fair to be a warm one as far as every office save that of Mayor is concerned. At every point contests are assured and in some of the wards the friends of the probable aldermanic candidates are already canvassing for their favorites in the expectation of the ward polls being close.

For the vacancies on the school board there will be the largest number of candidates in the field which has been noted in recent years. The Electoral Union placed Messrs. Clubb, Dalton, Fiumerfelt and Erskine in the field some time ago. Since that time Trustee McKechnie has reconsidered his declaration that he would not stand for re-election, and will be found in the field on nomination day. It is understood that Trustee Hope, who was elected last fall to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of V. W. Odium, as well as J. D. Breeze and H. C. Monat will be numbered among those in the running.

For the license commission G. E. Macdonald has given an affirmative answer to a lengthy petition asking him to stand for this position, and it is understood that H. C. Clarke will also enter the race. Commissioner H. A. Edgett is also out for re-election. These candidates will make a close fight in this quarter. Commissioner Wm. Hunt and E. B. Morgan having been placed in the field by the Electoral Union.

For the park commission every member of the present body is in the field save Dr. Underhill, who has declined owing to his numerous other duties. J. B. Mathers and G. J. Dyke will be nominated to fill this gap, and thus a contest in this field is probable.

In the aldermanic field the residents of Ward One who desire a change in the Council representatives, have not as yet secured final consent for the use of names, but strong pressure is being brought to bear on J. W. Prescott and another prominent citizen to stand in opposition to Aldermen Hopburn and Ramsey. Ward Two is also in an uncertain position as to a contest against Aldermen Stewart and Campbell, the names of the possible candidates mentioned being H. J. Franklin, C. E. Hope and Dr. Baker. In Ward Three a contest is assured, Ald. Cavanagh, ex-City Clerk McGuigan, E. S.

Knowlton and Dan McIntosh being already in the field. In Ward Four there will be at least a three-cornered contest. Aldermen McDonald and McSpadden both desiring re-election, while Prof. Odium will also be in the race. A contest is also certain in Ward Five, the present names before the district being Ald. Mills, ex-Ald. Morton and H. H. Stevens. In Ward Six the Electoral Union has already named Ald. Calland and G. Green as its choice, but J. W. Spencer will also be a candidate and it is understood there is a possibility that ex-Ald. McMillan will come out.

Civic Employees Paid.

New Westminster, Dec. 23.—The civic employees were all paid this morning. The regular civic pay day is on the 6th of the month, but every Christmas the cheques are handed out a few days earlier.

For Saving Life.

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—A gold medal for saving the life of one of the survivors of the Chehalis, when she was cut down by the Princess Victoria in the Narrows, was presented to Captain Jones, keeper of the Brockton Point lighthouse, on Saturday at the office of the collector of customs, in the post office building, with appropriate felicitations on the captain's unhesitating bravery at the time of the collision.

Vancouver's Unemployed.

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—The return from the civic labor bureau to Saturday shows that there have been 761 applicants for work and 397 jobs have been found for applicants. There were 43 new applications Saturday morning. The majority of these were local men, who had been holding back hoping that they would be able to secure work for themselves.

Kelowna Tobacco.

The Kelowna Leaf Tobacco Co. are now carrying on the sorting of this year's tobacco crop in the cannery building, which they have leased for the winter from Fraser Bros. & Whitehead. About a dozen Chinamen are employed in separating the leaves into several grades, according to length, and tying them into "hands." We understand it is very probable that a cigar factory will be in operation before long, which will greatly help to solve the question of a market for the leaf.—Kelowna Courier.

AUSTRAL IS LOST.

Former Whaler Goes Down Off the Argentine Coast—Crew Saved.

A despatch from Buenos Ayres says the whaling steamer Austral, which was carrying an Argentine naval transport and prior to that was the Francs, on which the explorer, M. Charcot, in 1903-4 made his southern expedition, has been totally wrecked in a fierce gale on the Uruguayan coast. The Austral carried twenty-six persons, including the members of the meteorological observatory for Wandel islands. All were saved, however, by the Messageries Maritime steamship Amazone.

ALARM FOR VEGA.

Fears Entertained for Coasting Schooner Bound From San Pedro to Frisco.

Alarm is expressed over the absence of reports of the arrival of the Seattle-owned schooner Vega, at San Francisco. The schooner sailed from San Pedro for San Francisco twenty-three days ago, and since her departure no news of her has been received. The Vega is the property of the Seattle Shipping company and a familiar figure among the fleet of small coasters.

Marine Notes

The British steamer Huttonwood, which brought coal to San Francisco and is chartered to load wheat at Portland reached the Royal Roads yesterday and put into Esquimalt for shelter. She is bound to Nanaimo for bunker coal.

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CIVIC NOTICE

All persons desiring to employ help of any kind are hereby requested to state their requirements in writing in as few words as possible and address the same to the "Employment Bureau," City Hall.

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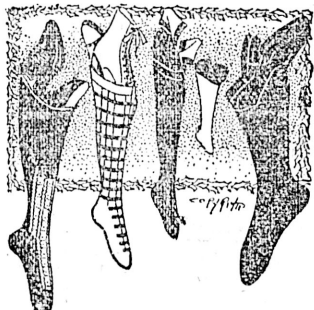
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SEAMEN ARE FOUND GUILTY OF STEALING

If Department Consents Will Be Let Out on Suspended Sentence

John E. Vernon and William O'Brien, after a trial which lasted all day, were found guilty yesterday of having stolen some gin from the Princess May on November 12. Sentence, however, was not passed upon them as Judge Lampman, in view of the youth and the good character given them by Capt. McLeod, expressed a wish to let them go on suspended sentence. As, however, the charge was one for which a sentence of fourteen years' imprisonment might be imposed, the consent of counsel for the crown had to be obtained. This, Mr. Morphy, who conducted the prosecution, did not care to take the responsibility of giving without instructions, so the case stood adjourned until this morning to give him an opportunity to confer with the attorney-general's department.

Blair W. Fleming, freight clerk of the Princess May, was the first witness, and he testified that on the trip in question the freight, including the cases of liquor subsequently broken into, were put aboard the ship in apparent good order, but that Lady Smith's attention was directed to a case of gin, which had been broken into. It was a case of Coates Plymouth gin, and was short three or four bottles. The liquor was put aboard between 5 and 6 p. m., and the boat did not sail till eleven. In cross-examination he said the bottle produced was like the ones in the case, but he would not pretend to tell one bottle of the same brand of gin from another.

John Roscamp, quarter-master on the Princess May, said that when the boat tied up at Ladysmith, he went down to breakfast and then noticed an open case on the top of a pile of freight. Upon examination he found it was empty, afterwards he found a case of liquor with some of the bottles empty missing under an old mattress and reported the facts to the proper officer.

Capt. John McLeod said that he was captain of the Princess May, which was a C. P. R. boat, and that O'Brien was night look-out and Vernon deck-hand on the ship. The latter had formerly acted as quartermaster and was a good steady man. Both the men he said had been good men, and they could clear themselves of this stain he would be glad to take them back tomorrow. The men did not come aboard that trip at Victoria, but missed the ship and joined her again at Vancouver. He was told about the theft at Ladysmith, and at once gave orders to have the ship searched with the result that they found the bottle produced in the bunk of a fireman. It was against the rules for a sailor to have liquor in his possession.

The fireman told him he got the liquor from O'Brien, and accordingly at Vancouver he examined him in the presence of Herbert Tranter, the C. P. R. detective. O'Brien said he saw three bottles on the fireman's mess table, and had taken one of them, giving it to the fireman, Healey, to keep. He had told the fireman he had bought it up town, paying \$1.50 for it. Vernon, when asked what he had done with the whiskey, said that he or they had drunk it. He said he had found his bottle among the life preservers' tween decks. The men offered to pay for the liquor rather than have any trouble. In cross-examination he said that he had a crew of about 55 men, and that there were half a dozen passengers. There was nothing to prevent anyone getting access to the cargo.

Herbert Tranter, the C. P. R. policeman, confirmed the captain's account of what passed, adding that Vernon said in extenuation of having taken the gin that he thought it belonged to a logger, and that he might as well have it as anyone else, and that the story they had told Healey was a joke. On their way to the look-up, after having been warned, Vernon said he had done three months in Melbourne for the same offense. For a man were the worse for liquor at the time.

Patrick Healey, coal passer on the Princess May, described receiving the bottles from the men, which he hid in his bunk. They told him they had bought them up town, saying they had paid \$1.50 apiece for them.

After Mr. Alkman's motion for dismissal on the ground of lack of proof had been refused, Frank O'Brien took the stand on his own behalf. He said he was a native of Ireland, 22 years of age, and had been working since he was ten. He had never been in trouble before. He repeated his statement that he had found the bottle on the fireman's mess table, and said the captain's account of what had transpired at the investigation at Vancouver was incorrect. In cross-examination he said he got the bottle about 7 o'clock and gave it to Healey because he thought he was returning it to him, he having found it in the fireman's mess room. He admitted he had no right to take it. He did not know what time he went down to take the boat, and could give no clear account of his movements. He said he had had a beer or two, but did not know how many. He did not get drunk, and never drank anything save beer. When they found they had missed the boat they went down to the Princess Victoria and went to Vancouver by her. He went up town with Vernon and came back with him. Vernon said he found his under some life preservers. He was not drunk that day. He never drank. In fact, he had not taken a drink for seven years, but was a staunch teetotaler. They had missed the boat owing to his watch being wrong. He denied having taken a drink on the way back to Victoria. In the charge of the C. P. R. detective. He denied telling Healey he had bought the liquor up town, saying he had given it him without remark. To judge he said he had been working on C. P. R. boats for a number of years and had been quartermaster on the Empress of India and Empress of China. He joined the coasting service because he thought he had a better chance of getting an officer's certificate.

Vernon's statement that he had not taken a drink for seven years, and more particularly had not taken a drink on his way back to Victoria, proved his downfall. Constable Tranter was called in rebuttal, and swore that they both took a drink of whiskey by his permission on the way over, and his evidence was confirmed by Fred Grey, the steward who brought the drinks, and who turned

out to be an old friend of Vernon's. J. A. Alkman raised the point that a seaman was not a servant within the meaning of the section under which the information had been laid, and that under the authorities there was not sufficient proof of the identity of the objects found with those stolen. George Morphy replied for the Crown, after which Judge Lampman said that the contradictory stories about the liquor told by the accused left no doubt in his mind of their guilt, but that in view of their youth and the good character the captain had given them, he would like to let them out on suspended sentence. Mr. Morphy, for the Crown, not caring to give his consent without instruction, the case was adjourned till this morning. The men have been in jail between five and six weeks.

GOVERNMENT AND THE UNEMPLOYED PROBLEM

Cares for All Bona Fide British Columbians But No United States "Out-of-Works"

The chief commissioner of lands and works is in communication with the department of labor at Ottawa with regard to the influx of unemployed from the United States to Vancouver. The province can and will supply labor to its own unemployed, but does not care to undertake the employment of all the out-of-works of the United States.

E. G. McBride, road superintendent for the Vancouver district, has been instructed to establish camps wherever work is needed near where accommodation can be secured. He will place competent men in charge of these and work will be furnished to all applying, when it is established that they are residents of British Columbia.

UNEMPLOYED SEEKING HELP FROM BUREAU

Many Applicants Will Be Put on Civic Improvements—Anxious to Work

Applications from the unemployed are pouring into the civic employment bureau, and up to last evening a total of 135 applications had been received and considered. All yesterday afternoon the committee room at the city hall, which has been temporarily turned over to the bureau, was crowded with men, nearly all strong looking fellows, who were seeking work and all will be put upon civic works, such as street improvements, sewer work, etc. It is the intention of the city to start work on a number of sewers which have been authorized and the work will be pushed to a speedy conclusion. In view of the fact that the work on the paving of Government street will begin immediately after the holidays there will be a good demand for labor for some time to come.

All the men who are willing to work will be given an opportunity to do so, but those who refuse and who prefer to live a life of idleness around the city will be promptly rounded by the police and ordered to move on to another section of the country.

Within the past few weeks a considerable number of men seeking employment have drifted into the city. The fact that the great majority of those applying to the civic employment bureau came from out of town points indicates that having been unable to obtain work elsewhere they have decided to try their luck in Victoria. The majority of them hale from the old country, eastern Canada and the States, and all express themselves ready and anxious to take any work offered.

The bureau, besides offering to take applications from those seeking work is also anxious to get into touch with employers of labor, but so far few of the latter class have applied to the bureau.

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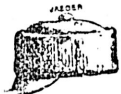


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OBITUARY NOTICES

The funeral of the late Mrs. Louisa McMillan, wife of the late Sheriff J. E. McMillan, took place yesterday from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Watkins, 138 Cormorant street. A short service was held at the house when the cortege proceeded to the Metropolitan Methodist church where an impressive service was conducted by Rev. G. K. B. Adams. In his address the minister stated that the late lady was an old time resident of Victoria and had taken an active interest in the work of the church, being one of the founders of the Metropolitan Sunday school. The gathering at the church was a large one and the floral tributes were many. Interment took place at the Ross Bay cemetery. The following were the pallbearers: Noah Shakespeare, R. W. Fawcett, Isaac Walsh, H. Waller, J. B. Burgess and David Spencer.

The death took place yesterday morning at the Old Men's Home, of William Watt, aged 76 years, an old-timer of this city, who had been an inmate of the Home since August last. He was a ship carpenter by trade, and had worked at the various local yards. He was an Englishman, having been born at Portsmouth, Eng. The body now lies at Smith's undertaking rooms. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

On Saturday the death occurred in South Saanich, of Miss Cora Gertrude John, aged 29 years, the daughter of the late R. F. John. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock from the family home, South Saanich, to Shady Creek cemetery.

Receiving King Edward's Bible
Dean Hodges, of the Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, tells of the saint ceremony with which Americans received the historic Bible sent to this country by King Edward. "It came," says the dean, "in charge of the Bishop of London's secretary. On his arrival at the Williamsburg mission he found no receiving committee and nothing in the shape of a carriage save a little donkey cart in charge of a ducky. Into this conveyance the secretary jumped and was driven to the church. It was as if," adds Dr. Hodges, "we were in the habit of receiving Bibles from King Edward every day!"—Boston Herald.

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT

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Presses Upon City Council the Necessity for Such a Work

Whether there shall be an independent audit of the city's books covering the period from January 1 last to December 31, was a question threshed out at length at last night's council meeting. The topic was introduced by the following resolution, introduced by Alderman Fell.

"That a full examination and audit of all monies received and expended by the municipality and the authority for such expenditures, be and is hereby directed, such examination and audit to cover the period from the first of January to the 31st of December, 1907. That such examination and audit extend to and include the accounts of the Tourist association and agricultural association, if possible. That applications for the performance of such work be called for forthwith."

In rising to speak to the resolution, Ald. Fell stated that there had been a number of requests that such an audit should be undertaken. He had on a previous occasion brought in a resolution calling for a semi-annual audit but the council had not seen fit to adopt it. As a new auditor for the city will be soon appointed it was only fair to him that such an independent audit should be undertaken. No such audit had been made in years. Now was the proper time to make it.

Mayor Morley explained that it would cost from \$750 to \$1,000 for such an audit which would take nearly two months, perhaps more, to complete. There are at present no funds available for such work and in addition the city solicitors had advised him that the present council cannot make the cost a charge upon the incoming council.

Ald. Henson suggested that as a new auditor will have to be appointed by the city to succeed James W. Raymer, who retires from that position at the end of the year, the new appointee could do the work. Or the independent audit could be recommended to the incoming council. He understood that the Agricultural society's accounts had been audited by a competent auditor, and Mayor Morley declared that the accounts of the Tourist association had likewise been audited properly by a competent man.

Ald. Hall thought that an independent audit would be the only fair thing to the present auditor and also to the incoming one. He pointed out, while Ald. Henson thought the suggestion of an independent audit was more in the nature of a slap in the face to the retiring auditor than a slap on the back to that official, who for nearly sixteen years had been doing the city auditing.

Ald. Fullerton wanted it distinctly understood that there could be no imputation cast upon the work of the officials, but the audit, as suggested by Ald. Fell, should be done as a matter of everyday business.

Ald. Fell declared that the cash of the city had never been counted. An independent audit was purely a matter of business and was followed in every business enterprise. There was absolutely no doubt of the integrity of the city officials, but the fact that he called for an independent audit was no reflection upon anyone. The Tourist association and Agricultural association accounts had no doubt been properly audited, but the question was whether the amounts had been properly and legally spent. Some of the expenditures of the city had been made and then the city had to secure legislative authority to make them.

"It would appear that someone has been busy to block this resolution," declared Ald. Fell.

"You refer to me," queried the mayor.

"I do not, but you can wear the cap if it fits," retorted Ald. Fell, who also said he was quite well aware that no expenditure for the work could come out of this year's funds. His motion merely settled the question of an independent audit and called for applications for the position of auditor. When these latter were in it would be next year. He declared that if there was a regular independent audit many of the amounts spent by the city would never have been allowed. Next year the Y. M. C. A. and the W. C. T. U. would likely be applying to the city for grants, but an auditor would not allow it unless the city had authority for it.

Mayor Morley thought the resolution should have first been submitted to the city solicitor. It was, he thought, an empty one.

Finally, the resolution was put and passed.

General Business

Ald. Henderson's resolution that a bylaw be introduced providing for the re-blocking of Government street, between Courtney street and Johnson street, as a work of local improvement was passed and the bylaw submitted and put through its various stages.

Mayor Morley explained that under the agreement between the city and the telephone company there are to be conduits under Government street, allowing of the putting underground the telephone wires. In order to facilitate this work the city could go ahead and put in the conduits and an agreement arrived at with the company as to the cost.

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Henderson were also put and carried: To authorize the construction, as a work of local improvement, of permanent sidewalks with stone or iron curb, on certain portions of Douglas street, Langley street, Broughton street, Gordon street, Courtney street the necessary monies in anticipation or the assessment therefor.

That the city council hereby determine that it is desirable to construct and lay a permanent sidewalk of cement on the east side of Government street and the Dallas road, also to construct a permanent sidewalk with gutter on the north side of Smece street, from Menzies street to Beacon Hill park, and on the south side of the said street from Menzies street to Government street, to grade and macadamize the said street from Menzies street to Beacon Hill park.

The first reading of the incinerator bylaw which will be rushed through its various stages, so that it can be submitted to the ratifiers at the forthcoming elections, was made. The bylaw calls for the raising of \$54,000 to construct an incinerator at the harbor extremity of Telegraph street, where the city owns a site. This includes the purchase of horses and wagons, the erection of stabling accommodation and other incidental expenses. The amount is repayable in twenty-five years, the annual charge being \$2,160 for interest and a trifle over \$1,000 yearly on the sinking fund. Last year when the incinerator bylaw was under consideration it had been estimated that the plant would cost about \$32,400; the teams and wagons about \$6,000 to \$10,000, and the buildings about \$12,000.

Spring Ridge Car line.

A. T. Goward, local manager of the B. C. Electric company, wrote as follows regarding the proposed change in the location of the car line on the Spring Ridge system:

Dear Sirs,—In reference to the question that has been up between us in reference to the change in location of track, Spring Ridge. As already pointed out, our company has made arrangements to purchase half an acre of block 54, and our idea is to extend the present track along Caledonia avenue, then across this half acre, making connection with the present track on North Chatham street. After having had the benefit of a consultation with his worship the mayor and some of the members of the council on Saturday last, I understand it is probable the council will raise no objection to the proposed change of location, provided our company is willing that a portion of the half acre, which we intend purchasing, shall be used for a continuation of Caledonia avenue making connection with North Chatham street. Our company is quite agreeable to this.

I would suggest that the necessary steps for the required fill on block 54 be taken up with as little delay as possible, as I quite hope, when the new track is built, to be able to give an improved service on Spring Ridge.

I enclose blue print showing the present track and the proposed new track.

The application of the company will be granted, but the street shown on the plan will have to be made 66 feet in width, as called for by the statute.

Cement Delivery

The city engineer and city purchasing agent, to whom had been referred the claim for cement supplied by Messrs. Rithet & Co. Company, was referred to the finance committee. The report follows:

Gentlemen:—Re claim rendered by Messrs. Rithet & Co. for cement delivered on corporation works, but without an official order. We are of opinion that after finding out a shortage in the amount of cement used on Carr street compared with other pieces of work, that Messrs. Rithet are entitled to the sum of \$91.06, for the 38 3/4 barrels they claim to have delivered on July 11, to the amount of \$91.06, said to have been delivered September 20, on South Turner street, we find no counterfoils of receipts, other than relate to the proper official orders which have been paid for, therefore, unless Messrs. Rithet & Co. can produce our foreman's receipt for the amount claimed to have been delivered, we cannot see our way clear to pass same.

Victoria Terminal Suit.

In regard to the pending action of the city against the Victoria Terminal company, the following letter from the city solicitors explains the present status of the case:

Gentlemen:—We have the honor to report that the city barister has now examined the late vice-president, and now director, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Van Sant, the examination being for discovery in the action. We are engaged in inspecting the accounts and the books, and the pleadings will be closed and the case ready for trial in the new year—probably March.

The company have put in a statement of defence and counterclaim, in which they assert that they complied with the terms of the contract and are entitled to the subsidy. Their contention appears to be that they are at any rate entitled to one year's payment, and this contention is, of course, disputed by the city.

Streets, Bridges and Sewers.

The report of the streets, bridges and sewers committee was adopted as follows:

Your streets, bridges and sewer committee having considered the undementioned subjects, beg to report and recommend as follows:

Re communication from J. Speers, asking for a sewer on Ash street, we recommend he be informed that no sewer will be constructed on Ash street for some months yet.

Re communication from F. J. Bittencourt, asking for a crossing over a ditch in front of his lot on Hereward street, we recommend that he be informed that this matter will be attended to at once.

Re communication from G. J. T. Bissell, claiming that he cannot connect his new house with St. Andrews street sewer on account of grade, we recommend that he be informed that the city engineer will examine the premises and give the grade of the sewer, but as the houses on both sides of Mr. Bissell's house are connected, we think it is possible for his house to be connected, also, and much prefer this to be done.

WATER EXPERT

SUBMITS REPORT

(Continued from Page One)

will be attained in from twenty-one to twenty-five years, say by 1929.

7. Improving the distributing system in such a way as to place it in first class condition, whatever may be the source of water supply, present or future, will require an expenditure, inclusive of meters, of \$529,000, and exclusive of meters, of \$473,000.

8. The continuance in use and improvement of the present sources of water supply will require structures appertaining to the lakes and the pipe line and pumps necessary to deliver the water to the city distributing system costing in the aggregate \$90,000.

9. Millstream is capable of producing a safe average daily supply during years of exceptionally light rainfall, like the season of 1905-6, of five million gallons.

10. The cost of improving Millstream and conducting its water (sufficient to meet a demand averaging five million gallons daily, to a connection with the city pipe system at the intersection of Government and Henry streets is estimated, inclusive of \$100,000 for real estate, at \$24,500.

11. Sooke lake is capable of yielding, during the driest years, a daily supply of 23,000,000 gallons.

12. The cost of improving Sooke lake and conducting water sufficient to meet a demand averaging 5,000,000 gallons daily to a connection with the city pipe system at intersection of Government and Henry streets, inclusive of \$100,000 for real estate and water rights at the lake, is estimated \$1,100,000.

13.—Goldstream is capable of affording a safe supply per diem of 13,300,000 gallons.

14. The estimated cost of conducting water from Goldstream in sufficient amounts to meet a demand averaging 5,000,000 gallons daily to a connection with the city pipe distributing system at intersection of Government and Henry streets, exclusive of any price that may be paid the Esquimalt water Co., is the sum of \$415,000.

Systems Compared

15. The summarized estimated cost of improving the distributing system and utilizing any one of the four different sources of supply suggested, is as follows:

(a) Elk lake, all services metered, \$529,000-\$90,000—\$619,000.

(b) Mill stream, unmetered, \$473,000-\$24,500—\$1,397,500.

(c) Sooke lake, unmetered, \$473,000-\$1,100,000—\$1,573,000.

(d) Gold stream, unmetered, \$473,000-\$415,000, and the purchase price of Esquimalt Water company's property, \$1,100,000—\$1,988,000.

16. To meet operating expense and fixed charges in event of the construction of the before mentioned systems, the following increase in annual revenues will be necessary:

(a) Elk lake, 4 per cent.

(b) Millstream, 4 1/2 per cent.

(c) Sooke lake, 67 per cent.

(d) Goldstream, without including the purchase price of either or property of Esquimalt water company, 15 per cent.

17. The annual saving which will result from the continued use of Elk lake as the source of supply, in preference to the other suggested sources, will return the cost of improving the lake, pipe line, and pumping station, and pay the cost of completing the metering of the system in the following lengths of time:

(a) As contrasted with Millstream, 4 1/2 years.

(b) As contrasted with Sooke lake, 2 1/2 years.

(c) As contrasted with Goldstream, including nothing in payment for water or property of Esquimalt water company on Goldstream, 17 1/2 years.

18. The property of the Esquimalt water company is worth the amounts stated in my former report, without modification other than for acquisitions and additions made since the date of that appraisal.

Recommendations

My recommendations, save in some matters of detail, are identical with those embodied in my former report (May 15, 1905) and are as follows:

1. The metering of all services and the sale of water hereafter exclusively by that method.

2. The continued use of the present sources of water supply.

3. The improving of Elk lake and the main pipe line, and Dairy Farm Pumping station, as follows:

(a) By raising the surface of the lake at the point of outflow, three and one-half feet and diverting into it, by a system of ditches, additional drainage from the west.

(b) By increasing the size of the present 16-inch pipe line to Dairy Farm pumping station by the methods indicated in my report of May 15, 1905 (vide p. 47).

(c) By erecting at the Dairy Farm pumping station a new horizontal, cross-compound condensing crank and fly wheel pumping engine having a capacity of four million imperial gallons in twenty-four hours, against a pressure of 155 feet.

All of said improvements requiring an expenditure of about (vide pp. 3-4) —\$90,000.

4. The improvement of the distribution system by the addition of the following structures:

(a) A distributing reservoir on Smith's hill.

(b) An elevated tank at or near the center of the high service district.

(c) A new high service pumping equipment on the site now in use.

(d) Furnishing and laying the following pipe with requisite gates and fittings: 3,000 ft. 27 in. steel riveted; 4,000 ft. 24 in. steel riveted; 3,000 ft. 18 in. steel riveted; 32,750 ft. 12 in. cast iron riveted; 1,750 ft. 8 in. cast iron riveted; 41,250 ft. 6 in. cast iron riveted; 100,000 ft. 4 in. cast iron riveted.

(e) Taking up and relaying the following: 2,500 ft. 11 in., 10 in., 9 in., 8 in., 7 in., cast iron pipe; 20,000 ft. 4 in., cast iron pipe.

(f) Furnishing and placing 3,750 meters.

All of said improvements to the distribution system, (vide p. 3) requiring an expenditure of \$529,000.

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COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

CANADIAN BANKS PRAISED IN LONDON

Thunderer Compares Canadian and United States Finan- cial Systems

The London Times of recent date had an interesting article and editorial on the banking and grain situation in Canada. In its cable despatch it reviewed the wheat conditions. In its editorial comment it thus considers the general situation, comparing Canada with the United States. The Times says:

"A telegram from our Ottawa correspondent has supplied us with a picture of the working of the banking system of Canada in a time of difficulty which is evidently satisfactory. We have no wish to call attention to the superiority of the Canadian system to that of the great nation which divides the continent of North America with the Dominion. The banking arrangements of the United States are as much their misfortune as their fault, for, as we recently observed, the National Bank system was the child of civil war, not of peaceful co-operation. Canada, however, has been having troubles of her own. Our Canadian brothers are not much behind their American neighbors in adventurous action in the sphere of industry and commerce, but they have been under the wholesome restraint which a sound banking system ought to impose on the overweening energy of the inhabitants of every new and fertile country. The speculative fever which has been so conspicuous in the United States during the last few years had its counterpart in Canada; there has been an enormous extension of agriculture, mining, building and railway making, and some of those concerned in the schemes which have been started have committed themselves financially more than was prudent, but they have not, as a body, been allowed to go beyond the line of safety. Great was the complaint last summer in the western portion of the Dominion at the alleged parsimony of the Canadian banks, but those institutions knew what they were about, and especially they refused to give further facilities for land and building speculation, which might have developed to a very dangerous extent if permitted. At the same time they have taken care that all legitimate requirements have been satisfied. Our correspondent told us yesterday that the Canadian Government has been anxious lately as to the condition of the grain harvest in the West, so much so that it has proposed to the banks to aid them in financing the crop in certain districts. The banks have declined the proffered assistance, on the ground that the conditions stipulated

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By F. W. Stevenson.
Chicago, Dec. 23, 1907.
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Wheat No. 2—	105 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2
May	98 1/2	98 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
July	97 1/2	97 1/2	96 1/2	97 1/2
Oct. No. 2—	57 1/2	58 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
May	56 1/2	57	56 1/2	56 1/2
July	56 1/2	57	56 1/2	56 1/2
Oct. No. 2—	52 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	52
May	45	45	45	45
July	45	45	45	45
For—				
Jan.	12.70	12.70	12.65	12.65
May	13.25	13.27	13.12	13.12
Liverpool Wheat—				
May	7s. 11 1/2 d.		7s. 11 1/2 d.	

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Temporary Trading Stock.

	Bid.	Asked.
Alberta Coal and Coke Co.	46	46
B. C. Copper Co.	37 1/2	37 1/2
Burton Slaw Works	110	125
Canadian Can. S. and K.	60.00	90.00
Caribou Camp McKinney	2 1/2	2 1/2
Dominion Copper Co.	175	2.00
Granby	65.00	90.00
Int. Coal and Coke Co.	89	88
Imperial Trust Co.	35.00	105
Portland Canal	15	25
Rambler Caribou	18 1/2	21 1/2
Sulphur	53 1/2	61 1/2
Western Corporation	110	110
Western Oil Co.	1.00	1.00

Cour D'Alone Stocks.

	Bid.	Asked.
Alameda	4	4
Charles Dickens	7	7 1/2
Gertie	2	3 1/2
Humming Bird	2 1/2	4 1/2
Idora	5	7
Missoula Copper	5	7
Nabob	2 1/2	3 1/2
O. K. Con.	1 1/2	3
Om. Paul	5	7
Rex	14	16
Snow Storm	1.00	1.10
Stewart	55	80
Tamarac and Chesapeake	40	65
Wonder	1	1 1/2

THE LOCAL MARKETS

Retail Prices

Flour.	
Royal Household, a bag	\$2.00
Lake of the Woods, a bag	\$2.00
Royal Standard	\$2.00
Wild Rose, per bag	\$1.75
Calgary, a bag	\$2.00
Hungarian, per bbl.	\$7.75
Snowflake, a bag	\$1.75
Wild Rose, per bag	\$1.75
Moffet's Best, per sack	\$2.00
Moffet's Best, per bbl.	\$7.75
Drifted Snow, per sack	\$1.75
Three Star, per sack	\$2.00

Foodstuffs.	
Brain, per ton	\$30.00
Shirts, per ton	\$32.00
Feed Wheat, per ton	\$12.00
Oats, per ton	\$27.00
Barley, per ton	\$31.00
Hay, Fraser River, per ton	\$25.00
Cornmeal, per ton	\$28.00
Chop Feed, best, per ton	\$27.00
Whole Corn, best, per ton	\$36.00
Middlings, per ton	\$30.00

Vegetables.

Celery, four heads	25
Lettuce, hot house, 2 heads	10
Garlic, per lb.	10
Onions, local, per lb.	6
Tomatoes, outdoor, 3 lbs.	25
Potatoes, local, per sack	\$1.75
Sweet Potatoes, new, 4 lbs.	10
Vegetable marrow, each	10 to 25
Green peppers, each	10
Chili peppers, per lb.	30
Squash, per lb.	4
Pumpkins, per lb.	4
Cauliflower, each	15 to 25
Cabbage, local, per lb.	5
Red Cabbage, per lb.	5

Dairy Produce.

Fresh Island, per dozen	70
Cooking, per dozen	40
Canadian, per lb.	25
Neufchatel, each	5
Cream, local, each	10
Manitoba, per lb.	35
Best, dairy, per lb.	40
Victoria Creamery, per lb.	50
Cheviote Creamery, per lb.	50
Butter, cooking, per lb.	20

Fruit.

Quince, per lb.	10
Grape Fruit, per dozen	1.00
Oranges, per dozen	30 to 50
Lemons, per dozen	30
Pineapples, per lb.	8 to 10
Apples, local, per box	2.00 to 2.25
Grapes, California, per basket	60
Bananas, per dozen	25
Pineapples, each	20
Raisins, Valencia, per lb.	15
Raisins, table, per lb.	25 to 60
Grapes, Con., per basket	1.00
Pears, per box	1.25 to 1.50
Cranberries, per lb.	20

Nuts.

Walnuts, per lb.	20
Brazils, per lb.	20
Almonds, Jordan, per lb.	75
Almonds, California, per lb.	20
Cocoanuts, each	15
Pecans, per lb.	20
Chestnuts, per lb.	40

Fish.

Cod, salted, per lb.	10 to 12
Halibut, fresh, per lb.	8 to 10
Halibut, smoked, per lb.	15
Cod, fresh, per lb.	15
Flounders, fresh, per lb.	6 to 8
Salmon, fresh, white, per lb.	8
Salmon, fresh, red, per lb.	10 to 12
Salmon, smoked, per lb.	10 to 12
Clams, per lb.	25
Oysters, Olympia, per pint	40 to 50
Oysters, Toke Point, doz.	40 to 50
Shrimps, per lb.	25 to 30
Smelts, per lb.	5 to 10
Herring, kippered, per lb.	12 1/2
Finnan Haddock, per lb.	25

Meat and Poultry.

Lamb, per lb.	15 to 25
Lamb, per quarter, fore	1.00 to 1.50
Lamb, per quarter, hind	1.75 to 2.00
Veal, dressed, per lb.	12 1/2 to 18
Veal, dressed, per lb.	18 to 20
Ducks, dressed, per lb.	20 to 25
Chickens, per lb.	20 to 25
Chickens, per lb. live weight	12 1/2 to 15
Chickens, broilers, per lb.	25
Pigeons, dressed, each	1.00
Rabbits, dressed, each	50 to 65
Hare, dressed, each	75
Hams, per lb.	22

Sir Westman Pearson has offered to give \$5,000 towards the building of the proposed cathedral at Colchester.

COMMONWEALTH LINE

Advices From San Francisco That
Oriana Will Inaugurate New
Australian Service

A San Francisco despatch says: Another line of steamers to Australia has been established. The initial vessel, the large British steamship Oriana, will sail from this city in about a month.

The Oriana was built in 1902 in England and is owned by the British Maritime Trust, Limited. She is 382 feet in length, with a beam of 43.1 feet and depth of 28 feet, and has refrigerating equipment, which will make her suitable for the new line.

George W. McNear & Co. are agents of the Commonwealth Line, the name given to the company, and they report that the Oriana will be here to begin loading about January 15. She will sail direct for Sydney.

There has been a great demand for steamships to Australia since the withdrawal of the Stricklands liners, and it is believed that the new company, as well as the Weir line, which is now running freighters on the route, will prove to be profitable.

STOCKHOLDERS MUST PAY

A Big Deficit Must Be Met by the
Stockholders of the Ontario
Bank

The outlook for the shareholders of the defunct Ontario Bank is not a pleasant one, says the Financial Post. At a special meeting of the shareholders held in Toronto on Thursday, the following shows the amounts that have been lost:

Capital	\$1,500,000
Reserve	700,000
Deficit	637,446
	\$2,837,546

The item of "reserve" may possibly not have been a loss, as that fund seems to have been largely a matter of book-keeping, but what actually happened is that the shareholders are now subject to a call of \$637,546. As pointed out by Mr. Barlow Cumberland, who was acting for the president, Mr. H. C. Hammond, this deficiency may possibly be reduced by 35 or 40 per cent. In any event the shareholders, who are able to pay will probably be called upon for 15 per cent. of their double liability, unless the action against the old directors continues and is successful and some portion of the amount involved in the statement of claim, namely \$3,202,058, recovered.

As regards the losses, the amount dissipated in stock speculation by the late manager, McGill, was \$1,784,403, and in trading in the bank's own shares, \$230,091. The sum of \$312,752 was written off bad debts, and an amount of \$620,000 was the estimate of the loss in overdrafts, bad and doubtful debts. These items explain sufficiently how the money of the Ontario Bank was spent.

NEW YORK AND LONDON

In "Corahill," Mr. Henry W. Lucy discusses some facts that impressed him during a recent visit to New York. Wandering about the streets he was struck by the purposeful pushfulness of the teeming throng. He discovered that whatever the American is doing, whithersoever he is going, he, to quote the vernacular, wants to get there right away, by the shortest route, with the least possible expenditure of time. A natural consequence of this determination to reach a parti-

cular goal, whosoever may be in the way, is a certain brusqueness of speech and manner. He adds: "I heard a story, not absolutely apocryphal, of an Englishman who had landed in New York on a Saturday morning on Sunday morning with inquiry whether there was a home-ward bound steamer sailing next day. Battered, brow-beaten, bewildered, 'he' had in eight hours seen enough of New York. What with policemen struggling with traffic in Broadway; what with stopping the wrong surface car, confidently getting in, and on discovering that it was going down town, he wanting to go up, insisting upon getting out; what with blocking the stairway of the elevated railroad, and when he was halfway up insisting upon turning back and stemming the turbulent tide of home-seekers, the idea having struck him that this wasn't the line he sought—his hapless man concluded he had seen enough of New York, and yearned for the peace and comfort of home."

On the other hand, in Harper's "Mr. Thomas A. Janvier" writes upon "London by Night," and charges Englishmen with similar excitability. He admits that steadfastness in time of great danger, the English possess; and to a degree that brings them, on occasion—in an easy matter-of-course way that stirs one's heart to the very roots in admiration of it—to superb nobilities. In sternly grave matters they can hold themselves in very nobly.

"But when it comes to small matters, and notably matters in which the action is by groups and there is a chance for contagion—as to a general scramble for a railway train in a crowded station, or even to the scramble of a half-dozen determined Britons for the same omnibus—these brave, self-controlled, resolute Englishmen fly off the handle into a state of excitement that would be appropriate to (only) then they would not (to) fire, and cartridges! Eagerness—to get somewhere or to do something, and to get it or to do it in a desperate hurry—is what one sees by night (and by day, too), in London streets; and the perception of that unexpected characteristic—precisely the reverse of phlegm—is a more startling matter than is the glare of the unexpected electric lamps. How they do bustle about and push and jostle, and vent themselves in funny little petulant outbreaks over the veriest trifles that happen to go wrong! And when, passing beyond trifles, some great emotion possesses this most emotional race, they fill their London with a ferment that all the Latin races put together could not surpass."

Even in classic Boston they have now that gastronomic disaster known as the business lunch. The other day Freddy Parent and Ralph Glaze happened to be in South Boston, and they stopped in one of those restaurants where they advertised the serving of those business lunches.

When the meal was served to the two ball players and when they had about half finished Parent turned to Glaze and said:

"I wonder why they call it a business lunch?"

"I suppose," replied the pitcher, with a bored expression on his face, "that it's because it's anything but a pleasure to eat one of them!"—Circle.

The St. Thomas city council has decided to reduce the price of gas from \$1.15 to \$1.00 per thousand, commencing January 1.

His Majesty has ordered the sale of a number of specially-fed cattle, including 300 sheep, from the royal farms at Windsor.

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SEWELL—On Monday, the 23rd instant, the wife of J. Bracken Sewell of a son.
English and Indian papers please copy.

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CALDWELL—On the 19th inst., at No. 166 Yates St., Edward Caldwell, aged 37 years, and a native of Ireland.
The funeral will take place on Saturday at 2 p. m., from the Hanna Chapel, Yates street. Funeral private; no flowers.

MILLAN—On the 20th inst., at the family residence, Cormorant street, Louisa McMillan, aged 84 years, a native of Cornwall, England.
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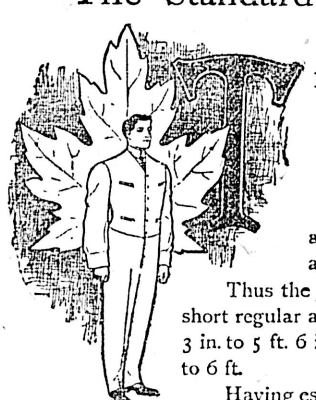
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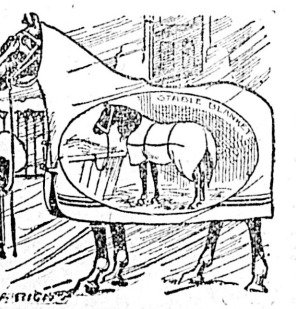
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CITY OF VICTORIA.

MUNICIPAL CLAUSES ACT.
Section 69.

WHEREAS, upon an enquiry being held of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, on Monday, the 16th day of December, 1907, upon the complaint of the City Engineer for the said Corporation into the state and condition of a certain unfenced excavation upon lands situate and being known as lots "E" and "D," block 57, and part block 58, Spring Ridge, the same being within the municipal limits of the city of Victoria, upon hearing the evidence in support of the complaint of the City Engineer, and upon proof of service of notice of this enquiry having been given and of a notice calling upon the owners, lessees and occupiers to abate the nuisance complained of, and upon proof being given by the said City Engineer as to ownership, and no one appearing for the owners, the Council found the said complaint to be duly proved, and that the said excavation or hole in and upon the land and premises being contiguous to the highway, namely Vining street, constitutes a danger to the public safety and a nuisance, and it is desirable that the same should be forthwith abated.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria that the said hole or excavation now existing upon the above-mentioned land, situate within the municipal limits of the city of Victoria in its present state, dangerous to the public safety and a nuisance, and it is ordered that The Haggerty Co., Limited, the owners, do within five days of the service or first advertisement of this order well and sufficiently fence and protect the said excavation so as to abate the said nuisance.

And in case of default of compliance with this order by and on the part of the said owner, It is hereby directed that the City Engineer do enter in and upon the said lands and well and sufficiently fence the said hole and premises being contiguous to the highway, and that unless such cost be forthwith paid to the Treasurer of the Corporation on demand made by him therefor, the payment thereof shall be enforced under the provisions of the above act together with all incidental expenses.

A. J. MORLEY, Mayor.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
Clerk of the Municipal Council.

WHEREAS, upon an enquiry being held of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, on Monday, the 16th day of December, 1907, upon the complaint of the City Engineer for the said Corporation into the state and condition of a certain unfenced excavation upon lands situate and being known as blocks 55 and 56, Spring Ridge, abutting on Gladstone street, the same being within the municipal limits of the city of Victoria, upon hearing the evidence in support of the complaint of the City Engineer, and upon proof of service of notice of this enquiry having been given and of a notice calling upon the owners, lessees and occupiers to abate the nuisance complained of, and upon proof being given by the said City Engineer as to ownership, and further upon hearing reading a communication from Messrs. Crease & Crease, solicitors to the owners, the Council found the said complaint to be duly proved and that the said excavation or hole in and upon the land and premises being contiguous to the highway, namely Gladstone street, constitutes a danger to the public safety and a nuisance, and it is desirable that the same should be forthwith abated.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria that the said hole or excavation now existing upon the above-mentioned land, situate within the municipal limits of the city of Victoria in its present state, dangerous to the public safety and a nuisance, and it is ordered that Lin Datt, the owner of said blocks 55 and 56, do within five (5) days of the service or first advertisement of this order well and sufficiently fence and protect the said excavation so as to abate the said nuisance.

And in case of default of compliance with this order by and on the part of the said owner, It is hereby directed that the City Engineer do enter in and upon the said lands and well and sufficiently fence the said hole or excavation and abate the said nuisance at the cost of the owner of the said lands, and that unless such cost be forthwith paid to the Treasurer of the Corporation on demand made by him therefor, the payment thereof shall be enforced under the provisions of the above act together with all incidental expenses.

A. J. MORLEY, Mayor.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
Clerk of the Municipal Council.

WHEREAS, upon an enquiry being held of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, on Monday, the 16th day of December, 1907, upon the complaint of the City Engineer for the said Corporation into the state and condition of a certain unfenced excavation upon lands situate and being known as lot 18, in a subdivision of blocks 50-53 and 66-7, Spring Ridge, and the portion of block 51 at the extremity of Caledonia avenue and the north boundary on Gladstone St., of said block 51, the same being within the municipal limits of the city of Victoria, upon hearing the evidence in support of the complaint of the City Engineer, and upon proof of service of notice of this enquiry having been given and of a notice calling upon the owners, lessees and occupiers to abate the nuisance complained of, and upon proof being given by the said City Engineer as to ownership, and no one appearing for the owners, the Council found the said complaint to be duly proved, and that the said excavation or hole in and upon the land and premises being contiguous to the highway, namely Gladstone street, constitutes a danger to the public safety and a nuisance, and it is desirable that the same should be forthwith abated.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria that the said hole or excavation now existing upon the above-mentioned land, situate within the municipal limits of the city of Victoria in its present state, dangerous to the public safety and a nuisance, and it is ordered that The Haggerty Company, Limited, and the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited, the owners of said block 51, do within five days of the service or first advertisement of this order well and sufficiently fence and protect the said excavation so as to abate the said nuisance.

And in case of default of compliance with this order by and on the part of the said owners respectively, It is hereby directed that the City Engineer do enter in and upon the said lands and well and sufficiently fence the said hole or excavation and abate the said nuisance at the cost of the owner of the said lands, and that unless such cost be forthwith paid to the Treasurer of the Corporation on demand made by him therefor, the payment thereof shall be enforced under the provisions of the above act together with all incidental expenses.

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In the Matter of the Estate of James Eliphalet McMillan, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of James Eliphalet McMillan, late of Victoria, who died on or about the 15th day of August, 1907, are required on or before the 25th day of December, 1907, to send by prepaid post or to deliver to the undersigned solicitor for John Pope Burgess, the executor of the last will and testament of said deceased their claims against the estate of the said deceased, duly verified by statutory declaration.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he then has notice, and the said executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

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BOAT CLUB WANTS SITE AT OAK BAY

Petition is Presented to Council of Municipality Asking For Concessions

The Oak Bay Boat club, a sporting and social organization in process of formation, tendered a largely signed petition to the Oak Bay municipal council at its regular meeting last evening for permission to make use of a part of Turkey point at Oak Bay as a site for a club house. The council after a short discussion on the subject referred the matter to the roads and bridges committee for further consideration.

The Petition.
The petition, which was signed by 49 ratepayers of the district, was as follows:

To the Reeve and Councillors of the Municipality of Oak Bay.

Sirs,—We the undersigned residents and ratepayers of Oak Bay, beg to petition you as follows:

1. That you will grant permission to a club, to be known as the "Oak Bay Boat Club," to remove the boat house owned by Mr. Virtue, to a point inside Turkey head.

2. To have the use of a piece of land as a site for said boat house, floating landing, and runway, and free access to the same over municipal lands.

3. To allow club property to be free from taxation.

The objects of the club are as follows:

(a) To provide much needed conveniences for the public and residents of Oak Bay, in addition to providing similar conveniences for club members.

(b) To provide a club house with accommodation for the storing of boats, canoes, etc.

(c) To provide a floating landing for the convenience of club members, and for the public under club regulations.

(d) To supply boats for hire by members or the public.

(e) To provide a runway for the convenient handling of boats, to and from the water and the boat house.

(f) To cut down moorings for the convenience of members and the public.

(g) To provide a caretaker at a regular salary, to look after the property of the club, and of its members, also to care for boats left at the club premises.

(h) To raise a revenue for the purpose of conducting the club by charging membership fees, and also by means of charging fees for the storing and taking care of boats, canoes, yachts, launches and for the rental of boats to the members and the public.

If you see fit to grant the above concessions, the boat club will guarantee to improve the building and keep it in good repair, and to keep the grounds neat and clean, so that the club premises will be an attraction and not a detriment to the municipality.

We beg to call your attention to the following facts. That Oak Bay affords excellent opportunities for boating, fishing, duck shooting in season, and being protected from the prevailing southwest winds, its waters are calm when the sea off to afford pleasure to the average lover of boating. That the great drawback to enjoying these pleasures has been a want of boats for hire, and for those who own their own boats the want of a proper place to keep them, and also a good landing place available at all stages of the tide.

The boat club is being formed to overcome these difficulties, and will be an added inducement to residents to make their homes permanently at Oak Bay, and an added attraction to visitors staying in the municipality.

Further Explanation
The subject was a new one to most of the council, and Councillor Newton undertook to enlighten the members further on the objects of the club, which he stated would fill a long-felt want.

Mr. Newton stated that he had noticed for a long time there was a great desideratum for the residents of the municipality for conveniences for boating and as some one person must take on action he felt that he could do so, being one who really did not need the advantages and could take it up for the common good of the municipality, as he had his own boat-house and all the conveniences the club could give. Last Thursday he secured a go-forty members to guarantee the monthly dues and to subscribe for debentures for \$500, sufficient to cover the capital expenditure. Mr. Newton and G. Llewellyn Wood were appointed a committee to get the necessary subscriptions and the fact that in three days canvassing they had secured a membership of forty-four and disposed of the debentures to the extent of \$550 showed that it was matter of vital interest to the residents of the municipality. Several of those who have become members have stated that they will not be likely to use the club privileges, but subscribed for the general good. Mr. Newton was assured that the club would secure permission of the council in granting under proper restrictions, as he stated there was no intention or desire to run the club for the purpose of making money, but to provide conveniences to the public while at the same time by the subscriptions of the club members render the club self-supporting.

Referred to Committee
The proposition as advanced by Councillor Newton provoked a lengthy debate. Councillor Henderson suggested that the club be asked to pay a rental for the site. Mr. Newton moved that the council should grant the permission subject to any restrictions the council should feel inclined to make. Councillor Noble thought that the council should take time to consider the petition, and moved that the petition be referred to committee. Councillor Sutherland also spoke in opposition to immediate action, while Councillor Henderson seconded Councillor Noble's motion. Reeve Oliver said that it would be unwise for the council to deal with the application hastily. The property secured was for a public purpose and he wanted to ascertain whether the club house would fulfill a public duty. He said that a similar application was pending from parties who desired to erect swimming baths on the beach there. The petition was accordingly sent

along to committee, Councillor Newton voting in favor of this.

Other Business Before Meeting
It was decided to have the polling booth for the coming elections situated at Mr. Richards' store at the corner of Monterey avenue and Oak Bay avenue. The voters lists will be printed and posted conspicuously for the benefit of the ratepayers.

Councillor Henderson gave notice of motion that steps be taken to purchase the land at the Old Men's Home on Cadboro road, for which negotiations had been entered into with the city.

The bylaw to raise \$1,250 to purchase the right of way for the extension of Hampshire road to Cranmore road has been given its first and second readings and will come up at the next regular meeting. It will be submitted to the ratepayers at the January elections.

A letter was read from Frederick Pauline asking that the road known as the Old Todd road leading to his property be put into condition. The letter went to the roads and bridges committee.

Councillor Sutherland propounded an inquiry as to why the sewer on Foul Bay road being laid by the city was not extended beyond Byron street. He claimed that a nuisance for which the city was responsible, was created. The roads and bridges committee will investigate.

Councillor Noble complained that water from a culvert on Monterey avenue from Central avenue to Shore road ran out through Mr. Eradley's place to the detriment of the latter, and moved that the engineer be asked for a report on the cost of diverting the water to the sea. The motion carried.

The council will visit the new municipal property on Oak Bay avenue next Friday morning at 9.30 o'clock to look it over preparatory to deciding where the new buildings will be located. There was some difference of opinion as to when the trip should be made, Councillor Henderson suggesting Thursday. The suggestion for Friday carried.

Councillors Fernie and Rattenbury were the only members of the council not present.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

Primrose Minstrels.

A fair sized audience attended the performance last evening of the Primrose minstrels. Minstrel performances will always prove popular and the present company embodying as it does all the traditions of the past, with many of the new departures in this department of stage enterprise merited the very hearty applause which punctuated its efforts. A number of pleasing features characterized the performance, which proved quite new to Victorians, and when the vehicle was old, the lines were often new and provoked the desired laugh.

The entertainment was clean, clear-cut and all that was to be desired. The staging was excellent.

"The Lion And the Mouse"

Charles Klein has made the statement that he considers his best work "The Daughters of Men." It is a fortunate thing for the dramatist that when the public declined to accept this view as correct, that "The Lion and the Mouse" was playing to crowded houses, thus making the royalty check a weekly certainty, or he could not have spent this winter abroad. No play of modern times has so completely won the favor of the theatregoing class, because the story it tells of craft and bribery in high places, has been more than proven true in the courts, by the testimony dragged from the lips of unwilling and highly interested witnesses. Henry B. Harris is sending "The Lion and the Mouse," to the Victoria theatre, Monday, December 30.

The New Grand

All expectations of the large audiences that witnessed the opening of the big holiday bill at the New Grand last night were realized, and the popular Government street theatre will have crowded houses all through the week. Ameen Abou Hamed and his eight Arabs present the feature act, and a most sensational one it is. In Oriental costume they present one of the best acrobatic and tumbling turns ever seen in Victoria, and it concludes with Ameen's feat of holding the other seven supported on the shoulders. The Rossires have a splendid wire act, the lady performing on the tight wire and Mr. Rossaire on the slack wire, both being experts in their line. Gray and Graham have a novel comedy musical act, which is one of the big hits of the bill. Evans and Lloyd present a clever little sketch entitled "Turning the Tables," which is full of good comedy situations and shows both as finished performers. Thos. J. Price sings the illustrated song, "Keep on Smiling," and two good moving pictures and Prof. Nagel's crazy overture, "A Tourist's Experience in Victoria," fill out a great holiday bill.

Pantages Theatre

The Johnson street house has the best bill this week that has been seen in this house for some time. It is not an unusual thing to find one or two weak spots in a vaudeville entertainment, but the Pantages certainly makes an exception to this rule this week, for no weak turn is to be found, the program is a strong, a strong start to finish, and well balanced, and can only be defined as clever and refined in every particular. Davis and Walker, the colored team, might be termed a whole show in themselves, they are a clever pair of entertainers and introduce some good singing and dancing. The Flood Sisters in their globe and ladder act are a decided novelty. Their trick dog figures in the act to some extent, and comes in for a good share of applause. Murray Simon, the Hebrew comedian, sings some good songs and parodies, tells funny stories and does a little eccentric dancing, which is all well received. Baby Patsey, the juvenile wonder, is a bright little tot, and wins favor at once in her singing and dancing, the latter being particularly good for one so young, and would do credit to many dancers older in years. Coleman and Mexis, the sharp shooters, present a unique and interesting act, and display wonderful ability in their specialty, and prove themselves experts in trick and fancy shooting. Their act made a big impression yesterday. Miss Crawford sings "The Very Best Thing in Life," a pretty song and is beautifully illustrated. The moving picture film entitled "College Chums," is extremely funny, and concludes an entertainment that cannot fail to give the best of satisfaction throughout the entire week.

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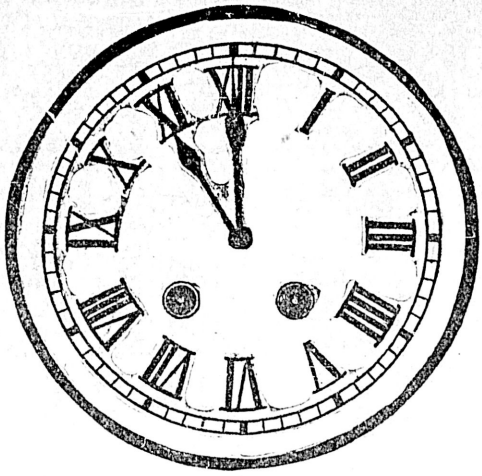
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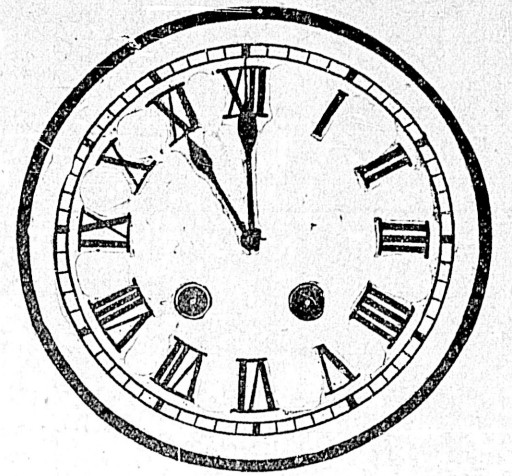
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use every effort in our power to make this a still more convenient and helpful store each day of its business life and today we have arranged a list of gifts in tabulated form. All gifts suitable for men are placed by themselves; if you wish a gift for a child you will find a memory-jogging list which we have, all ready to be examined, and it would be well to check off what you wish and retain this page, or part of it, in your shopping bag and bring it with you as a ready reference. You will find it a wonderful help.

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Picture Books, at05 to 1.25
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Baby Set (enamel cup, saucer, and plate), at35
Slippers, at25 to .50
Boots, at75 to 1.25
Rolling Chimes, at25 to 1.25
A Nice Doll, at05 to .25
Dolly Kitchen Sets, at05
Toy Dogs, at15 to .75
Musical Toy, at15 to .25

For The Boy

A Nice Reefer, at	1.75 to 3.75
A Good Piece Suit, at	2.50 to 9.50
A Pair Pants, at . . . . .	.50 to 1.50
A Good Overcoat, at	4.50 to 8.75
A Good 3-Piece Suit, at	4.50 to 10.00
A Nice Cap, at . . . . .	.25 to .50
Knitted Wool Sweaters, at . . . . .	.75 to 1.75
Pair of Strong Suspenders, at . . . . .	.10 to .25
Pair of Good Shoes, at	2.00 to 4.50
A Good Shirt, at . . . . .	.50 to 1.00
A Nice Tie, at . . . . .	.25 to .75
Pair of Good Hose, at . . . . .	.15 to 1.00
Horse and Cart, at	1.50 to 25.00
Velocipede, at	4.50 to 8.50
Auto Cart, at	9.75
Rocking Horse, at	12.50 to 25.00
Humming Top, at . . . . .	.10 to .75
Mechanical Toys, at . . . . .	.25 to 25.00
Horses, at, up . . . . .	.50
Pair Warm Mitts, at . . . . .	.10 to .15
A Good Suit of Underwear, at . . . . .	.50 to 1.90

And a very large assortment of other suitable and sensible gifts too numerous to mention.

For Elder Sister

Silk Blouses, at	\$5.00 to \$25.00
White Skirt, at	2.50 to 15.00
Pair of Corsets, at	1.00 to 12.50
Night Gowns, at	1.25 to 10.00
Costume, at	18.75 to 50.00
Moire Underskirt, at	2.75 to 8.75
Walking Skirt, at	5.00 to 12.50
Pair Hose, at . . . . .	.25 to 5.00
Tray and Ring Holder,	2.75
Pin Cushion, at . . . . .	.50 to 3.00
Emb. Cushion Cover, at	4.00 to 7.50
Pair Dent's Gloves, at	1.00 to 1.50
Blouse Length, at, a yard . . . . .	.35 to .65
Nice Leather Belt, at . . . . .	.65 to 1.50
Work Boxes, from . . . . .	.25 to 1.00
Fancy Blouse Pin, at . . . . .	.25 to 1.00
Fancy Hat Pin, from . . . . .	.10 to 1.50
Fancy Collar Pins, at . . . . .	.15 to .25
Hair Barrettes, at, each . . . . .	.50 to 3.75
Music Roll, at	1.25 to 7.50
Dressing Cases, at	7.50 to 12.00
Pk. Sachet Powders, at . . . . .	.15 to .20
Pearl Paper Cutters, at . . . . .	.25
Soap Box, at . . . . .	.25 to .50

For The Best Girl

Evening Waist, at	\$14.50 to \$25.00
Fur Muff, at	12.50 to 80.00
Fur Set, at	25.00 to 210.00
Fur Coat, at	60.00 to 275.00
Fur, at	2.50 to 125.00
Beautiful Fans, at	1.50 to 47.50
Real Lace Handkerchiefs, each.	3.75 to 20.00
Pair Trefousse Gloves,	1.00
Fancy Box Chocolates . . . . .	.35 to 2.50
Nice Leather Hand Bag, at	1.50 to 15.00
Jewelled Back Combs, at	1.00 to 25.00
Sequin Belt, at	4.50 to 8.50
Box of Eaton Hurlbut Stationery, at . . . . .	.35 to 1.50
Fancy Box Perfumes, at	1.00 to 5.00
Perfume Sprays, at . . . . .	.50 to 1.00
Leather-Bound Bible, at . . . . .	.75 to 1.50
Leather-Bound Prayer Book, at	1.00
Leather-Bound Poems, at . . . . .	.50
A Good Bound Fiction Novel, at . . . . .	.75 to 1.50
Pair Lace Boots, at	2.50 to 7.50
A Nice Hat, at	3.00 to 30.00
A Nice Hair Ornament, at	3.50 to 8.50
A Nice Golf Jersey, at	2.25 to 4.50

For Little Children

Box of Cadbury Chocolates at \$.10 to \$.30	
Handkerchiefs, at per doz. . . . .	.50
A Nice Coat, at	1.50 to 8.75
Any Kind of Game at Building Blocks at, per box. . . . .	.75 to 1.50
Trumpets, at05 to .50
Carriage Build- ing Blocks, at50
Steam Boats, at50 to 25.00
Trains, at, up.25

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Today at 8.30 we begin to clear out all Toys at great Reductions, and it is well for us to mention that if you wish to share in these Bargains with a view of doing your shopping be here early and avoid the rush.

PHONOGRAPHS, regular \$2.50, at 8.30 today	\$1.00
ACCORDEONS, regular \$1.00, at 8.30 today . . . . .	.50¢
ACCORDEONS, regular \$1.50, at 8.30 today . . . . .	.75¢
KID DOLLS, regular 25¢, at 8.30 today . . . . .	.15¢
KID DOLLS, regular 50¢, at 8.30 today . . . . .	.25¢
KID DOLLS, regular 75¢, at 8.30 today . . . . .	.50¢
KID DOLLS, regular \$1.50, at 8.30 today	\$1.00
KID DOLLS, regular \$2.50, at 8.30 today	\$1.50

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For Jack at the College

Stylish Hat, at, \$2.50 to \$5.00	
A Good Topper,	
at	9.50 to 20.00
Pair Good	
Shoes, at	2.50 to 7.00
A Good Cap, at .	.25 to 1.50
A Fountain	
Pen, at	1.00 to 7.50
A Good Book	
at every price.	
Comb and Brush	
Set at	5.00
Set Military	
Brushes, at . .	4.00 to 6.00
An Umbrella at	2.50 to 5.00
2-lb. Box of	
Chocolates, at	1.50

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